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1	They further acknowledge, in	1	as of yesterday.
2	lieu of an oath administered in person,	2	From my review of your CV, it appears
3	the witness will verbally declare that	3	that you've been deposed many times; is that correct?
4	his testimony in this matter is under	4	A. That's correct.
5	penalty of perjury.	5	Q. Okay. So I'm assuming that you're
6	The parties and their counsel	6	generally familiar with the process, but I'll just
7	consent to this arrangement and waive any	7	give you a couple basic instructions that are
8	objections at this time or in the future	8	important for me.
9	to this manner of reporting and swearing	9	If I ask you a question and you don't
10	in the witness.	10	understand my question, please let me know;
11	They also acknowledge and agree	11	otherwise, I will assume that you understood my
12	that the official transcript is solely	12	question and you're answering it to the best of your
13	the one transcribed by the court	13	ability.
14	reporter.	14	Do you understand that?
15	Counsel, for the record, please	15	A. I do.
16	indicate your agreement by stating your	16	And, Mr. Francis, as a as a as a
17	name and that you agree, and please also	17	personal practice, in deposition, so that I do
18	indicate who you represent, beginning	18	understand your question and sometimes need to
19	with plaintiff.	19	concentrate on words in it, I have I have plain
20	MR. FRANCIS: Yes, good	20	paper that occasionally I will write your question on
21	morning. This is Jim Francis, I	21	or or a phrase from that question on that piece of
22	represent the plaintiff in the certified	22	paper.
23	class. We agree and consent to the	23	I'm very happy for you to have that
24	remote taking of this deposition.	24	piece of paper if you need it or want it at the end
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1	MR. O'NEIL: Good morning.	1	of the deposition, but I want you to know that I
2	This is Michael O'Neil on behalf of	2	that I have it.
3	TransUnion and the witness. We also	3	Also, with respect to the reports,
4	consent to the remote nature of the	4	for for efficiency, if you if if you are
5	deposition.	5	if you're all right with my having a clean hard copy
6	THE COURT REPORTER: Doctor,	6	of of my reports, I have I have those three
7	you're David Lasater, Ph.D.?	7	here and would appreciate being able to use those,
8	THE WITNESS: I am.	8	and I and I affirm that they are newly printed
9		9	this morning, without any notes or or marginalia,
10	DAVID B. LASATER, Ph.D., after having been	10	and so from just from the standpoint of the
11	first duly sworn, was examined and testified as	11	process from this end, I wanted to advise of of
12	follows:	12	the situation that I'm in right now.
13		13	Q. No, I appreciate that, and in going in your
14	EXAMINATION	14	order, I have no problem with you taking notes of my
15		15	questions, and I may or may not ask you to show me
16	BY MR. FRANCIS:	16	those notes at the end. I don't know that I will,
17	Q. Great. Good morning again, Dr. Lasater.	17	but I appreciate you mentioning that.
18	As you heard, my name is Jim Francis and I'm one of	18	As for the three hard copy reports, I
19	the attorneys who represents the plaintiff in the	19	think that's great, in fact, I prefer that, because
20	class that was certified in this case.	20	sometimes it's hard on the screen via Zoom to scroll
21	Today I'm going to be taking your	21	through some of these documents, it takes a little
22	deposition because TransUnion submitted an expert	22	while.
23	report from you purportedly from you in this	23	So that if you have a hard copy there,
24	case or several reports, actually. I think three	24	like I do, I'm still going to put the reports on the

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1	screen so we have any particular excerpts that I want	1	Do you understand that?
2	to ask you about in front of us, in front of counsel,	2	A. Very well.
3	but I'm going to be working off a paper copy as well,	3	Q. Okay. If at any point of the deposition
4	so	4	you don't understand what I'm saying or if the audio
5	A. Very good.	5	doesn't transcribe correctly, let me know that so we
6	Q I appreciate I appreciate that.	6	have a clear understanding of what I'm asking and
7	A. Very good.	7	what you and the question that you're answering.
8	Q. Along those lines, do you have any other	8	So just let me know if you can't hear
9	documents that are in front of you, other than that	9	me, especially in light of the audio concerns that
10	blank paper you showed me on the screen and your	10	
			the court reporter identified earlier; okay?
11	three reports?	11	A. Very well.
12	A. I have the I have a I have a binder	12	Q. All right. And, sir, you are aware that
13	that has the that has the that has the	13	even though we're not sitting in a courtroom today
14	exhibits, also newly printed this morning, so	14	and in front of the judge and/or the jury, who may
15	exhibit the the exhibits to the reports are in	15	ultimately hear this case, you are aware that the
16	a ring binder separate from the separate from the	16	testimony that you give today is subject to the
17	reports.	17	penalty of perjury?
18	Q. That's perfect. That's great. And in	18	A. I do.
19	terms of your your binder, is your CV part of the	19	Q. Okay. Great.
20	report or is it within or do you consider that	20	MR. FRANCIS: All right. So,
21	part of the exhibits in the binder?	21	Rayne, what I would like to do right now
22	A. Let me see how it was printed, Mr. Francis.	22	is mark the expert report dated March
23	Q. Sure.	23	11th, 2022 of David B. Lasater, Ph.D. as
24	A. Evidently, it's in the it's it's in	24	Lasater-1.
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4	Brazilian cell phone provider named Surf, S-U-R-F,	4	University of Houston?
5	and its parent company, which is based in New Delhi,	5	A. Again, in the computer science department,
6	Plintron.	6	one at the University of Houston and two at the
7	Q. Okay. Other than that go ahead.	7	University of Texas.
8	A. That's the only thing that's missing.	8	Q. Gotcha. Okay. Did you receive any degree
9	Q. Okay. All right. Just so we have a clean	9	from either of those institutions in computer
10	record of it, would you just identify your education	10	science?
11	for the record, please.	11	A. No.
12	A. Yes, sir. I have an undergraduate an	12	Q. And did you receive any degrees from either
13	undergraduate degree in accounting from the	13	of those institutions in engineering of any sort?
14	University of Houston; I have a master's degree in	14	A. No.
15	professional accounting, and a Ph.D. in accounting	15	Q. Okay. Did you take any coursework or
16	research methodologies, financial markets and	16	receive any degrees from either of those institutions
17	quantitative methods from the University of Texas.	17	in psychology?
18	Q. Okay. Let's go in order.	18	A. No.
19	When did you get your BA in accounting	19	Q. Did you take any courses or did
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22	Q. And did you say that was the University of	22	in psychology and receive any degrees. If that's
23	Houston?	23	what you asked, I have to back up and and change
24	A. That is the University of Houston.	24	my answer, please.
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2	in linguistics?	2	everyday work, Mr. Francis, and so
3	A. No, sir.	3	exposure is exposure is a really soft
4	Q. Are there any other educational degrees	4	term here.
5	that you hold, other than the ones you've identified?	5	BY MR. FRANCIS:
6	A. No, sir.	6	Q. Okay. Since 1988, have you received any
7	Q. Okay. Subsequent to graduating from the	7	formal training from either any employer in
8	University of Texas with your Ph.D. and up until now,	8	connection with computer science?
9	have you taken any coursework in computer science?	9	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague.
10	A. I think that's a hard when you say taken	10	THE WITNESS: Once again,
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12	training at at the St. Charles facility of Arthur	12	Charles facility, would have included
13	Andersen, with whom I was employed from 1988 until	13	courses that are offered at that
14	2002, and prior to that, while I was on the faculty	14	facility, which is just west of just
15	at Michigan State University, between 1980 and 1988,	15	west of Chicago. As as new
16	I was exposed to a lot of programming, a lot of	16	technologies were implemented, we were
17	program development.	17	trained on those technologies. Same
18	Computer science computer science	18	thing same thing within FTI.
19	programming is fundamental to the work that that I	19	BY MR. FRANCIS:
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21	of changes in in either analytic platforms or	21	any training in computer science?
22	languages that are used in both data analysis and in	22	A. Formal training in computer science, where
23	the statistical processing of data, I would say that	23	I received it or sought it and learned it on my own?
24	each each step of the way is one that has training	24	Q. Where you received it.
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2	function which we identify as IT, that's what I'm	2	offered, courses that were part of the training
3	referring to, but if you have a if you think you	3	programs at each of the at each of the employers.
4	have a history a work history in IT, let me know	4	Q. Okay. And when was the last time you took
5	what that is.	5	a psychology course at one of those employers?
6	A. I think you said exposure or or	6	A. Maybe six months ago.
7	experience, and so I'm trying to I'm trying to	7	Q. Okay. All right. In connection with any
8	answer your question.	8	of your degrees, did you take any coursework in
9	Q. Have you ever been paid to serve in an IT	9	communications?
10	role to any company?	10	A. Yes.
11	A. I understand IT, Mr. Francis, and I'm going	11	Q. Okay. How many different courses did you
12		12	take in communications?
13	to define it here, in terms of the provision of the	13	
	hardware, the provision of the software, the	14	A. At least two; one in undergraduate school
14	maintenance of those two elements of data management	15	and one in the master's program. Q. Okay.
15	and data usage, and so I have never been in a, what	16	·
16	I'll call, box and wires role, and I have never been		A. And when we when we say communications,
17	in a software maintenance role.	17	I'm I'm excluding marketing from that.
18	Q. Okay. Have you ever written any	18	Q. Okay.
19	programming language in connection with a work	19	A. If we if we include marketing, then the
20	assignment?	20	course count probably goes to six.
21	A. Oh, yes.	21	Q. Okay. Since 1982, when you graduated from
22	Q. All right. Similar question with regard to	22	the University of Texas, have you taken any other
23	engineering; have you ever served in any type of	23	coursework in communications or communication
24	engineering role in your work history for any	24	studies?
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loans separate from mortgages but also in the banking

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1	undergraduate program through the master's degree	1	environment where CFPB is looking at fair lending,
2	program and the and the doctoral program.	2	the question is with respect to the fair lending in
3	Fraud detection is is an essential	3	the on the application side of of the
4	element of the work that I do every year, I won't say	4	transaction between banks and their and their
5	every day, but every year, where where fraud	5	customers is also the potential for applicant
6	detection is an element of making sure that financial	6	misrepresentations and the ability to detect that
7	statements are faithfully presented or that	7	using using other means.
8	transactions, both domestic and foreign, are in	8	Q. Okay.
9	compliance with anti-fraud regulations.	9	A. So so I didn't answer your next
10	Q. Okay. So are you saying that your	10	question, I'm sorry.
11	experience with fraud detection relates to the	11	Q. No, I think you did. I asked you whether
12	preparation of financial statements?	12	or not you had any formal education or training in
13	A. With respect to with respect to any	13	terms of handwriting analysis.
14	representation or any transaction that would take	14	I think your answer was no; correct?
15	place differently but for the fraud.	15	A. Correct.
16	Q. Okay. Have you ever received any training	16	Q. Okay. And have you had any experience in
17	in terms of consumer fraud detection?	17	terms of any administration of or use of polygraph
18	A. I work in consumer fraud regularly.	18	or lie detectors?
19	Q. Okay. Can you show me where on your CV, or	19	A. No, sir.
20	your resume, where you reference working in consumer	20	Q. Do you have any certifications in the Fair
21	fraud detection.	21	Credit Reporting Act?
22	A. Well, so so in the in the	22	A. No, sir.
23	mortgage-backed securities litigation environment, in	23	Q. In connection with your role as an expert
24	the CFPB environment, the detection of	24	witness, outlined in your resume, have you ever
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1	misrepresentation by either applicants applicants	1	served as an expert witness on behalf of a consumer
2	for mortgages or in the area of applicants	2	plaintiff?
3	applications I said applications for mortgages, I	3	A. I'm pausing, Mr. Francis, because my my
4	think that would be it, where where where	4	work history is long, so I'm I'm trying to recall.
5	persons make representations with respect to those	5	As a household consumer, the answer
6	applications that are full of misrepresentations.	6	would be no
7	Q. Okay. And at which point in your career or	7	Q. Okay. On page
8	when in your career were you looking at fraud	8	A based on based on based on my
9	fraud situations in connection with consumer mortgage	9	recollection.
10	applications?	10	Q. Okay. On page 1 of your CV, you reference
11	A. Once again, with respect to the residential	11	that your litigation experience includes securities
12	mortgage-backed securities litigation, beginning in	12	class actions, employment class actions, product
13	2011.	13	liability class actions, among other types of cases.
14	Q. Okay. And then, when was the last time you	14	In any of the securities class actions
15	had any role or assignment in terms of looking at	15	or employment class actions or product liability
16	fraud situations in connection with consumer mortgage	16	class actions that you had experience with, were you
17	applications?	17	employed on behalf of the plaintiff?
18	A. Oh, probably 18 months ago.	18	A. Not to my recollection.
19	Q. Okay. Have you received any formal	19	Q. In your CV, specifically at pages 33, 34
20	training in terms of handwriting analysis?	20	and 35, you mention and you reference a bunch of
21	A. No, and and, Mr. Francis, it occurs to	21	cases, excuse me, that you testified in.
22	me also to say that with respect to consumer	22	Are you aware of any written court
23	applications in the lin the banking environment for	23	decisions which held that you were qualified to serve

as an expert witness in that particular case?

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1	A. Every single one of the trial testimony	1	A. No, sir.
2	references.	2	Q. And have you ever been found qualified to
3	Q. Okay. So is it your it's your testimony	3	serve as an expert witness in the area of
4	that for all of the trial testimony that you	4	linguistics?
5	reference at page 33, there is a written finding from	5	A. No, sir.
6	the Court that you were qualified to serve as an	6	Q. Have you ever been found qualified to
7	expert witness?	7	testify in the area of communication studies or
8	A. Yes, sir, because in each of those in	8	communications?
9	each of those cases, counsel would have proffered me	9	A. No, sir.
10	as an expert and the Court would have accepted me or	10	Q. Have you ever been found qualified to serve
11	not and accepted my testimony or not.	11	as an expert witness in terms of Fair Credit
12	Q. Well, I'm aware of generally how that	12	Reporting Act compliance?
13	works.	13	A. Not yet, no, sir.
14	My question for you is, is there going	14	Q. Okay. Have you ever been found qualified
15	to be a written decision or finding in each one of	15	to serve as an expert witness in the area of computer
16	those cases?	16	science?
17	A. There would be in the transcript somewhere,	17	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague.
18	certainly.	18	THE WITNESS: Once again, where
19	Q. Okay. Other than what would be in the	19	large databases are involved, where the
20	trial transcript, do you know of any written court	20	processing of data from those databases
21	decisions finding that you were qualified to serve as	21	are involved, where the computer the
22	an expert over an objection from an opposing counsel?	22	computer requirements for that and the
23	A. I don't know. A lot of that is often	23	discussion the discussion with respect
24	behind the scenes, so I'm not I'm not aware of	24	to the evidential quality of that
	7. 20		
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that you were first retained by TransUnion in this

litigation on or about June 1, 2021?

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1	maintenance of software or the	1	A. Yes, sir.
2	appropriate application of software in a	2	Q. Okay. Had you had any involvement in
3	particular situation, with respect to the	3	working for TransUnion in this litigation prior to
4	latter, the answer is yes, with respect	4	June of 2021?
5	to the maintenance of the software, the	5	A. No.
6	answer is no.	6	Q. Okay. Putting aside this litigation, had
7	MR. FRANCIS: Okay. Rayne,	7	you ever worked for TransUnion or worked on a matter
8	would you please mark as Lasater-2 the	8	in which TransUnion was a party prior to this case?
9	retention agreement that was received	9	A. Not to my recollection.
10	yesterday or two days ago, whenever it	10	Q. Okay. And putting aside TransUnion, had
11	was; and, as No. 3, the invoices that	11	you ever worked for or at the direction of anybody
12	were also included, and then let's start	12	from Reed Smith in connection in serving as an
13	with Lasater-2.	13	expert witness?
14	BY MR. FRANCIS:	14	A. Yes.
15	Q. Dr. Lasater, I've marked as Lasater-2 a	15	Q. Okay. And prior to June of 2021, had you
16	document that was provided to us recently, it's Bates	16	worked with TransUnion's counsel in this matter?
17	labeled DL1 through DL10.	17	A. No.
18	Do you have that in	18	Q. And prior to June of 2021, had you ever
19	A. I don't.	19	been involved as an expert witness in any case that
20	Q here?	20	involved claims under the Fair Credit Reporting Act?
21	You don't have that with you?	21	A. Ask me your question again, please, Mr.
22	A. No, sir.	22	Francis.
23	MR. FRANCIS: Okay. Rayne,	23	Q. Prior to June of 2021, when you got this
24	let's put that up on the screen.	24	case, had you ever been formally retained to serve as
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2	Q. Okay. Dr. Lasater, I've had my assistant,	2	under the Fair Credit Reporting Act?
3	Rayne Bennett, put up on the screen a document that	3	A. Let me answer let me answer the
4	was supplied in connection with a subpoena that was	4	question, Mr. Francis, in terms of the general nature
5	served in connection with your deposition, and what	5	of a retention agreement like the one that we have
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Page 37 Page 39 Q. Okay. Prior to June of 2021, had you ever 1 1 will be testifying in connection with a Fair Credit 2 submitted an expert report on behalf of a client in 2 Reporting Act case? 3 connection with a Fair Credit Reporting Act matter? 3 A. None scheduled. A. I have not signed a report, no, sir. 4 Q. Okay. Currently, are there any other cases 4 5 5 Q. Okay. Is it your testimony that while you in which you've been retained to serve as a 6 6 have not signed a report involving a Fair Credit testifying expert in a Fair Credit Reporting Act 7 7 Reporting Act case, you have consulted with clients case? 8 8 for -- in cases which involved Fair Credit Reporting A. No, again, because -- because of the 9 Act claims; is that -- do I have that correctly? 9 nature -- the nature of the usual retention 10 A. Yes, I -- I design -- I designed the work 10 agreement, there is not a -- there is not an ex-ante 11 that engagement teams do where others may testify, designation of expert in those retentions usually. 11 12 may develop reports and may testify, and so to the 12 MR. O'NEIL: Mr. Francis, we've extent that my work is -- is part of those teams or a 13 13 been going for a little bit over an hour. 14 supplement to those teams, the answer is yes. 14 Would this be a good time to take a short 15 15 I have not been asked to sign a break? 16 16 MR. FRANCIS: Sure. Why don't report, but it is also possible in the future that I 17 could --17 we take. I don't know, seven to ten 18 Q. Okay. 18 minutes. 19 A. -- but I'm -- but I'm involved in matters 19 MR. O'NEIL: Thank you. 20 2.0 right now that involve the FCRA. MR. FRANCIS: Okay. MR. O'NEIL: Off the record. 21 Q. Matters in which you're not serving as a 21 22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the retained expert; is that right? 22 23 A. Once again, the retentions -- the 23 video record, 11:02 a.m. 24 retentions are not usually designated as you are 24 (Brief recess.) Page 38 Page 40 retained as an expert. You are retained as a 1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back 1 2 2 consulting -- privileged consulting expert, but on the video record, 11:13 a.m. 3 not -- but not initially as a reporting or testifying 3 BY MR. FRANCIS: 4 expert. It's rare that --4 Q. Before we took a short break, Dr. Lasater, 5 5 Q. All right. I was asking you about the retention agreement at 6 6 A. -- it's rare that we have retentions that Lasater-2. 7 7 designate that. On the first page of that document, 8 Q. Okay. Prior to June of 2021, when you 8 there are a series of hourly rates that are listed, 9 first signed your retention agreement in this case, 9 with the senior managing director being at 775 and a 10 am I correct that you had never testified in a Fair consultant being at 320. 10 11 Credit Reporting Act case; is that right? Do you see that? 11 12 A. That would be fair. 12 A. Yes, sir. Q. Okay. And in terms of the trial testimony 13 13 Q. And am I correct that you are -- for your and deposition testimony listed on pages 33 and 34 of work in this case, you are billing at the 775 rate; 14 14 15 your resume, am I correct that none of those cases 15 is that right? 16 involved FCRA matters? 16 A. That would be correct. 17 A. That would be correct. 17 Q. Okay. And I didn't ask you before, but Q. Okay. Now, since June of 2021, have you with your title as senior managing director, how many 18 18 19 submitted any other reports, expert reports, in a 19 people do you manage or direct? A. As many as necessary for the completion of 2.0 Fair Credit Reporting Act case, other than this case? 20 21 A. Submitted to the process that would lead to 21 an engagement. 22 a deposition, the answer is no. 22 Q. Okay. 23 23 A. Anywhere between two and 100. Q. Okay. And currently, do you have any other depositions scheduled or on the horizon in which you Q. And based upon your CV, CV or resume, 24 24

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1	however you want to designate it, am I correct that	1	Q. Okay. So are you saying you don't know
2	FTI does litigation consulting?	2	what percentage of your time is devoted to working as
3	A. Yes, sir.	3	an expert witness for a company in connection with
4	Q. And what percentage of the company's work	4	litigation for which it hasn't been decided whether
5	is assisting companies with litigation?	5	or not you're going to provide a report?
6	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, lack of	6	A. We are we are a we are a company that
7	foundation.	7	addresses all kinds of crisis matters, and so I can't
8	THE WITNESS: That's a really	8	begin to I can't begin to put a percentage on it.
9	hard question, Mr. Francis, because we	9	MR. FRANCIS: Okay. Rayne,
10	are a 2.8 billion-dollar company	10	let's pull up now Lasater-3, which is
11	BY MR. FRANCIS:	11	the the invoices.
12	Q. Okay.	12	BY MR. FRANCIS:
13	A with 650 senior managing directors	13	Q. Okay. Dr. Lasater, I put up as Exhibit
14	Q. Okay.	14	Lasater-3 a series of pages, beginning with a letter
15	A in a wide variety of practices, where we	15	from you to Mr. O'Neil dated July 28th, 2021, which
16	are in legal forums or reporting to legal forums	16	appears to include an invoice for your services or
17	regularly, and so I can't say what percentage.	17	for FTI services in this case.
18	Q. The company	18	Do you see that?
19	A I would have I would have no idea.	19	A. I do. Would you scroll down to you can
20	Q. Okay. The company does things other than	20	see that it is not from me, it is from Lisa
21	provide expert witness services for litigation;	21	Harrington.
22	correct?	22	Q. Okay. And do you recognize this as an
23	A. I would say that most of our work is not	23	invoice that would have been sent by FTI to Mr.
24	with respect to expert witness. As as I had	24	O'Neil back then?
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4	A. For purposes of for purposes of	4	the the data that I have handled may fall into
5	Lasater-1, answer, no.	5	that category of part of that system, but I don't
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7	the responses to interrogatories or supplemental	7	I don't I don't want to be I
8	responses to interrogatories that TransUnion served	8	don't want to represent that I haven't handled an
9	in this case?	9	awful lot of individual consumer data that was
10	A. No, sir.	10	presented to me for analysis. Where it came from, I
11	Q. Have have you ever seen to date any of	11	don't know.
12	the written responses to interrogatories or responses	12	Q. Okay. And in connection with rendering
13	to supplemental interrogatories of TransUnion that	13	your opinion, the opinion set forth in your March
14	were exchanged or served in this case?	14	22nd (sic) report, did you review any internal
		15	TransUnion policy and procedure manuals?
15	A. Not to my recollection, no, sir.	16	A. No, sir.
16 17	Q. All right. Have you ever reviewed any of the deposition transcripts in this case?	17	Q. Okay. And did you review any manuals or
		18	memos or any other type of written instruction that
18 19	A. No, sir.	19	TransUnion internally used in connection with its
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		21	A. No, sir.
21 22	Have you ever reviewed any of the TransUnion consumer relations system documents that	22	Q. Okay. And putting aside records or
23	•	23	documents, have you ever spoken to any TransUnion
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1	A. I don't I don't I don't recall a	1	certain consumer communications were from credit
2	name, it was such a it was a very short call.	2	repair organizations?
3	Q. Do you know what procedures TransUnion's	3	A. I'm not aware of I'm not aware of that.
4	mail room followed with regard to the process of	4	Q. Are you aware that a TransUnion witness in
5	handling written disputes?	5	this case testified that the mail room individuals
6	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague,	6	were instructed to determine whether or not a piece
7	as to the term "disputes."	7	of a communication was from a credit repair
8	THE WITNESS: And when you say	8	organization?
9	know, based on based on that one	9	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, assumes
10	based on that one call, I understand that	10	facts not in evidence.
11	the communications are received, there is	11	THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of
12	a group that processes the	12	that, Mr. Francis.
13	communications, just basically scans	13	BY MR. FRANCIS:
14	them, that those scans those scans are	14	Q. Have you ever seen any TransUnion form
15	the basis of the documents that I have	15	letters that it would send out if it believed that a
16	handled, and that is all.	16	consumer communication was from a credit repair
17	BY MR. FRANCIS:	17	organization?
18	Q. Okay. You're not aware specifically of	18	A. Not to my knowledge.
19	what guidance the mail room employees were given in	19	Q. Okay. Have you ever seen any TransUnion
20	terms of how to handle consumer correspondence; is	20	form letters or written communications which would be
21	that correct?	21	sent to a consumer advising the consumer that
22	A. When you say guidance, I think the I	22	TransUnion considered the communication or dispute to
23	think the answer is no, but I would say that we we	23	be frivolous?
24	encountered we encountered within the population	24	A. No, sir.
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1	of documents a few instances of redundant scanning,	1	Q. Okay. And do you know whether or not
2	same basically at the same at the same with	2	TransUnion's system would record a situation when the
3	the same timestamp, and my understanding is that	3	mail room considered a consumer communication to be
4	that's atypical.	4	from a credit repair organization?
5	Q. Okay. And is that understanding that you	5	A. I'm not aware of any direction to the mail
6	have, is that from counsel?	6	room.
7	A. No, that's from the person who described	7	Q. And are you aware of whether or not the
8	the process to me.	8	TransUnion system would document or capture if
9	Q. Okay. And that person described the	9	TransUnion considered a consumer communication to be
10	process in terms of how these disputes were were	10	frivolous?
11	handled generally?	11	A. Again, I've seen no I've seen nothing
12	A. Again, when you say disputes, how the	12	from an internal policies or operations with respect
13	communications to the company were scanned into a	13	to the mail room operation, other than what I
14	database that I handled. I don't that is that	14	described.
15	is the description that I was given; it was not	15	Q. Okay. And in connection with your
16	presented to me as disputes, to my recollection.	16	assignment and the preparation of your March '22
17	Q. Okay. Have you ever seen anything in	17	report, did you talk to or interview any of the class
18	writing which outlined the process by which the mail	18	members who were referenced in the letters that you
19	room or the consumer relations department, what	19	reviewed?
20	procedures they were supposed to follow in connection	20	A. No, sir.
21	with processing consumer communications?	21	Q. And, likewise, did you talk to or interview
2.2			
22	A. No, sir.	22	any of the creditors or users who created the inquiry
23	A. No, sir.Q. Okay. And do you know whether or not the	22 23	any of the creditors or users who created the inquiry that the consumers were disputing?

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A. Ask the question again, please, sir.

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1	Q. Okay. In connection with your assignment	1	Q. Sure. Prior to your March 22nd report, had
2	and preparation of your March 22nd report, have you	2	you ever opined as an expert in terms of how the
3	spoken to or consulted with any credit repair	3	United States Postal Service works?
4	organizations?	4	A. Directly, no; in reliance, yes.
5	A. No, sir.	5	Q. Do you consider yourself to be an expert
6	Q. And in connection with your assignment and	6	witness on matters involving the United States Postal
7	your report, did you undertake to obtain any template	7	Service?
8	letters used by any credit repair organizations?	8	A. No, sir.
9	A. If you mean directly from the credit repair	9	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague.
10	organization, the answer is no.	10	Objection, vague.
11	Q. Okay. That's what I meant. Thank you.	11	BY MR. FRANCIS:
12	In connection with your the	12	Q. Okay. Do you consider yourself to have any
13	preparation of your March 22nd report and your	13	knowledge, beyond the average person, regarding how
14	assignment, did you ever inquire as to whether the	14	the United States Postal Service works?
15	mail room or the consumer relations staff at	15	A. I don't know what the average person means.
16	TransUnion had determined whether any of the letters	16	Q. Okay. Do you consider yourself having any
17	that you reviewed were from credit repair	17	expertise in matters involving how the United States
18	organizations?	18	Postal Service works?
19	A. I'm not aware.	19	A. I do not hold myself out as an expert in
20	Q. All right. And in connection with your	20	the operation of the U.S. Postal Service.
21	March 22nd report and your assignment, did you ever	21	Q. Okay. Do you do you hold yourself out
22	inquire with anyone in the mail room or the consumer	22	
23	relations system (sic), whether any of the letters	23	as having any particular expertise in that area, regardless of whether or not you've been qualified as
24	that you reviewed or that were the subject of the	24	an expert?
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1	class members were frivolous or that TransUnion	1	A. Only with respect to what can be expected
2	considered them to be frivolous?	2	from delivery schedules that are part of the
3	A. Once again, I haven't had any any	3	circularization that often that often accompanies
4	any any documents or any communications about	4	auditor communications with creditors, a company's
5	that, no, sir.	5	creditors, or its customers.
6	Q. Okay. In connection with your the	6	Q. And that knowledge is anecdotal from your
7	preparation of your March 22nd report, did you	7	work experience; right?
8	consult with anybody from United States the United	8	A. Anecdotal as opposed to empirical?
9	States Postal Service?	9	Q. Yes.
10	A. No, sir.	10	A. And by empirical, I mean I mean with
11	Q. Did you seek any type of guidance or	11	respect to recognizing delivery schedules,
12	information regarding how the United States Postal	12	evaluating evaluating whether or not something has
13	Service processes consumer mail?	13	been has been can be expected to be received
14	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague	14	if, in fact, a creditor or a customer says that it
15	as to time.	15	has been put in the mail, that would be empirical; to
16	Do you mean prior to the	16	the extent that it is it is an individual
17	issuance of his March '22 report?	17	experience, it's anecdotal.
18	MR. FRANCIS: Yep.	18	Q. Okay. Other than that, you don't have any
19	THE WITNESS: No, sir.	19	particularized knowledge of how the United States
20	BY MR. FRANCIS:	20	Postal Service works in terms of processing mail on a
21	Q. And prior to your your March 22nd	21	national basis; is that right?
22	report, had you ever opined as an expert on how the	22	A. I think I think at one point I
23	U.S. Postal Service works and processes mail?	23	understood key operators key operators working at

the machines that are doing the processing are -- are

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1	presented with a need to deal with illegible	1	Francis, you're making it more
2	illegible zip codes for the for the processing,	2	complicated, I think, than than what
3	but beyond that, the answer is no.	3	I've tried to write here and there may
4	Q. And have you ever spoken to or interviewed	4	be there may be elements of this case
5	anybody from the United States Postal Service in	5	that are important to you with respect to
6	terms of how it works and functions in terms of	6	that, but I've tried to write this in
7	processing mail?	7	terms of where these letters came from,
8	A. Again, with respect with respect to	8	they came from the they came from
9	earlier on, in terms of circularization that auditors	9	TransUnion, though that is, the 502
10	do, I don't know that any of those extend to	10	letters, and my understanding is that the
11	communications with the Postal Service directly.	11	502 letter comes in response to a a
12	Q. Okay. Let's let's turn to page 4 of	12	consumer's communication with TransUnion
13	your report. At paragraph 9, you state that: I've	13	and and that is all.
14	been retained by Reed Smith, which represents	14	BY MR. FRANCIS:
15	TransUnion. The scope of my assignment was to	15	Q. Do you know of any other circumstances by
16	evaluate the population of letters received by	16	which a 502 letter would be sent, other than a
17	TransUnion from members of the certified class in	17	consumer's dispute of an inquiry?
18	this case and which may have led TransUnion to send	18	A. I
19	class members the Form 502 letter with particular	19	MR. O'NEIL: Objection.
20	attention to two arch overarching topics.	20	Objection, assumes facts not in evidence
21	Do you see that?	21	and lack of foundation.
22	A. Yes, sir.	22	THE WITNESS: Once again, my
23	Q. The language which may have led my	23	knowledge about this is is limited to
24	question is, isn't it the case that the sending of a	24	what I learned in that very short call
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1	502 letter was the only circumstance that the was	1	almost a year ago.
2	sent anytime TransUnion considered somebody to be	2	BY MR. FRANCIS:
3	disputing an inquiry?	3	Q. Okay. All right. And then subparagraph
4	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, lack	4	9(a) you write: Do the letters reflect more than one
5	objection, lack of foundation.	5	context for their complaints, assertions, questions
6	THE WITNESS: Mr. Francis, you	6	or demands.
7	asked me earlier on with respect to my	7	Do you see that?
8	knowledge about how the mail room worked,	8	A. Yes, sir.
9	and so I have to put a caveat in there	9	Q. What's your definition for context?
10	because I can't speak with certainty	10	What's your objective definition for
11	about how the mail room works, so the	11	context?
12	"may" is in that sentence to to	12	A. Well
13	provide a contingency with respect to the	13	MR. O'NEIL: Objection.
14	operation of the mail room, but that is	14	Objection, vague.
15	all.	15	Generally, or how he's using it
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16	BY MR. FRANCIS:	16	in this sentence?
16 17	Q. Okay. You're not aware of any other	17	MR. FRANCIS: How he's using it
16 17 18	Q. Okay. You're not aware of any other circumstances by which TransUnion would send a 502	17 18	MR. FRANCIS: How he's using it right here.
16 17 18 19	Q. Okay. You're not aware of any other circumstances by which TransUnion would send a 502 letter, except when it considered somebody as	17 18 19	MR. FRANCIS: How he's using it right here. THE WITNESS: We could we
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1	or demands.	1	eventually were developed from the initial reading
2	My question to you is, if I wanted to	2	and final reading of these of these letters so
3	check your analysis, what definition of context would	3	that we don't it might be more efficient, I guess,
4	I apply?	4	Mr. Francis, is my is my suggestion.
5	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague.	5	Q. Well, we'll get there. I can't get there
6	THE WITNESS: Context is	6	until I know exactly what it is that you're searching
7	circumstances or basis. Now we're	7	for.
8	getting now we're getting into into	8	So my question is, what would meet the
9	linguistics, Mr. Francis, and and	9	definition of a complaint in connection with 9(a)?
10	we're and so I write a word that I	10	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, calls
11	understand to be to be an English	11	for a narrative.
12	language word that that describes	12	THE WITNESS: A complaint could
13	basis or a circumstance for the	13	be I don't like this I don't like
14	complaint, and within a within the	14	the the situation that I that I
15	direction that I have here are the are	15	find myself in with respect to my credit
16	the complaints or the assertions or the	16	score.
17	questions or the demands that they're	17	BY MR. FRANCIS:
18	making.	18	Q. Okay. Is that an example or is that the
19	Are they are they mono do	19	definition that would govern complaint?
20	they have a monolithic basis? Do they	20	A. Well, you're asking me now to turn into a
21	have a monolithic circumstance? Are they	21	Webster dictionary with respect to with respect to
22	similarly situated as the as the	22	definitions.
23	caption of the case describes it?	23	I'm giving you an example because I
24	We could say we could say	24	did not I did not categorize the the
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1	one situation; right? Or situation,	1	individuals' letters into into these four into
2	basis, context, circumstance are all	2	these four categories. That these are overarch
3	synonyms for me in that sentence.	3	these are sort of overarching descriptions of of
4	BY MR. FRANCIS:	4	what what I saw in the letters.
5	Q. Okay. Basis, context and circumstance.	5	Q. I guess maybe my the better question is,
6	A. A situation, and there may be there may	6	did you utilize an objective definition for
7	be other others that we could use the thesaurus to	7	complaints, assertions, questions or demands, or not?
8	replace.	8	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague.
9	Q. Well, I guess what I'm asking is, in terms	9	THE WITNESS: Objective with
10	of the analysis you performed, what did you instruct	10	respect to the use of the use of
11	the individuals reviewing the letters to determine	11	English language words.
12	whether something had more than one context or not?	12	BY MR. FRANCIS:
13	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, calls	13	Q. Are you saying that it would be based upon
14	for a narrative.	14	what the reviewer thought or did you give the
15	THE WITNESS: It is a long	15	reviewer objective criteria or definitions to work
15 16	narrative.	16	with?
	narrative. BY MR. FRANCIS:		with? A. I gave the reviewer examples of examples
16 17 18	narrative. BY MR. FRANCIS: Q. Okay. All right. So all right. And	16 17 18	with? A. I gave the reviewer examples of examples of categories and and tried to provide assistance
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1	"complaints," "assertions," "questions" or "demands"?	1	legal training, did any of the reviewers have any
2	A. Well, I think the answer is yes	2	training in linguistics?
3	Q. Okay.	3	A. I have no idea.
4	A but we'd have we would have to we	4	Q. Okay. And other than going to law school,
5	would have to do it category by category.	5	did any of the reviewers have any training in
6	Q. All right. Well, let's do that. So let's	6	communications or communication studies?
7	start with if I were your reviewer and you said,	7	A. Once again, I have no idea.
8	hey, I want you to look to see whether there's a	8	Q. Okay. Is it your testimony that they were
9	complaint in these ten letters, what's the definition	9	skilled in the nuance of the English language because
10	that you you gave me?	10	they went to law school?
11	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, assumes	11	A. That is why that is why contract lawyers
12	facts not in evidence, vague.	12	are usually engaged to do this kind of bibliographic
13	THE WITNESS: For example,	13	and lexicographic work.
14	category 14, if we look at the if we	14	Q. Do you know if any of the reviewers in this
15	look at the code if we look at the	15	case, that you utilized, had any prior experience in
16	coding manual, I'm looking at the word	16	evaluating or interpretating commuter consumer
17	"claim," but a claim could be an	17	communications in general?
18	assertion or it could be a complaint, but	18	A. I do not know.
19	we could	19	Q. Okay.
20	BY MR. FRANCIS:	20	A. It is it is possible because they are
21	Q. And the question	21	they are working for Logility, and my understanding
22	A we could we could we could talk	22	is that Logility works with TransUnion.
23	about the category 14.	23	Q. Okay. All right. Next, so I asked you
24	Q. Okay. So my question, again, is what would	24	about what the objective definition for complaint
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1	Q. Okay.	1	subjectively or were they to follow objective
2	A. "Please" can head off in a couple of	2	criteria and definitions.
3	different directions	3	A. The objective criteria
4	Q. Okay. Use of the word	4	MR. O'NEIL: Objection.
5	A it can be it could be a demand or it	5	Objection, Dr. Lasater.
6	could be a question.	6	Mr. Francis, please do not
7	Q. So "please" would be a	7	interrupt the witness when he's answering
8	A. You're asking me	8	your question.
9	Q way to identify a way to identify if	9	I'm sorry, go ahead, Dr.
10	there if the consumer was communicating a	10	Lasater, and if you need to have the
11	question.	11	question read back, I'm sure the court
12	A. Once again, Mr. Francis, the the	12	reporter can do that.
13	specific direction that the that the reviewers got	13	THE WITNESS: The direction to
14	is embodied in the coding manual that is very lengthy	14	the reviewers is intended to give them
15	for each of the categories, it provides examples and	15	objective criteria for identifying
16	provides some description that we can that we can	16	attributes of communications written in
17	talk about in terms of the use of the English	17	the English language, and their
18	language.	18	compliance with that is reflected in
19	Q. Well, I guess my question, then, is, are	19	their ability to categorize a group of
20	you telling me that if we look at that manual, which	20	letters to different groups of letters in
21	we're going to get to in a little bit, are you	21	virtually the same way.
22	telling me that there is an objective definition	22	To the extent that that that
23	and/or criteria for complaints, assertions, questions	23	they agree, that agreement is obtained on
24	or demands, or just examples?	24	the use of the English language with
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1	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, form,	1	respect to the features of the letters,
2	compound.	2	it is objective.
3	THE WITNESS: I think there	3	BY MR. FRANCIS:
4	is I think there is direction to the	4	Q. Okay. So just to be clear, then, my
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5	reviewer with respect to a category and	5	question was, did any of the review of the letters
6	then there are examples, and to the	6	involve any subjective interpretation of the
6 7	then there are examples, and to the extent that that direction includes a	6 7	involve any subjective interpretation of the reviewers?
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4	One criterion that you mentioned was if it used the	4	other than the training manual appended to your
5	word "please."	5	report, which outlined the definitions or criteria
6	Are there any other criterion for	6	that the reviewers were supposed to follow in
7	whether the consumer letter contained a question?	7	connection with analyzing the class members' letters?
8	MR. O'NEIL: Objection,	8	Only the training that they were
9	misstates his testimony.	9	provided
10	THE WITNESS: The context	10	Q. Okay.
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12	lack of the statement, the language of	12	widely presumed and widely agreed understanding that
13	the sentence, whether or not there is	13	they understand the English language.
14	punctuation that that follows it are	14	Q. Going back to paragraph 9, we're in 9(b),
15	all elements of determining whether	15	and 9(b) reads: Do the letters reflect the use of
16	something is a question.	16	agents in their assertions to or questions of
17	BY MR. FRANCIS:	17	TransUnion?
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19	to apply and not apply?	19	you used in connection with your report?
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22	different hypothetical; okay?	22	indicia of a letter being sent to TransUnion not from
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24	letters contained the number ten, you could ask a	24	Q. I understand
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2	answer your and answer your question better.	2	A I can't answer I can't answer whether
3	Q. Okay. What is the objective indicia for	3	it was or wasn't.
4	whether a letter was sent from by an agent?	4	What I can say is that it raises a
5	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, calls	5	question about whether or not the letter was a bona
6	for a narrative.	6	fide letter from the addressee or whether it was
7	THE WITNESS: The difference	7	whether it was mailed to TransUnion on behalf of the
8	between where a letter is sent and the	8	addressee by someone else far distant.
9	and the addressee's location, purported	9	Q. All right. When you say far distance, what
10	location, can provide a signal about the	10	was your objective distance to determine whether or
11	potential that someone else sent the	11	not something met that indicia?
12	letter on behalf of the addressee.	12	A. Sixty miles.
13	BY MR. FRANCIS:	13	Q. Okay. And to be clear for the record, you
14	Q. And was it up to the reviewer to determine	14	are saying that in terms of the analysis that your
15	whether or not that indicia was present?	15	reviewers did, the determination as to one
16	A. No, we capture that objectively.	16	determination as to whether or not a letter was sent
17	Q. That piece of data objectively or all of	17	by an agent was whether or not it was sent 60 or more
18	the data objectively?	18	miles from where the consumer resided; is that what
19	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague.	19	you're saying?
20	THE WITNESS: I'm not sure what	20	A. Yes, sir, the 60-mile threshold.
21	you mean, all of the data, Mr. Francis.	21	Q. Okay. And where did you get the 60-mile
22	BY MR. FRANCIS:	22	threshold?
23	Q. Well, you mean you just said that you	23	A. The 60-mile threshold is my direction.
24	capture the that data objectively.	24	Q. When you say your direction, you mean it
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1	Do you mean that the address, that	1	was supplied to you by counsel?
2	from where it was sent, versus the consumer's	2	A. No, it was my direction.
3	address, you capture that objectively; is that right?	3	Q. Oh. Where did you get 60 miles?
4	A. I did for the sample for the samples	4	A. I had to choose between some number, some
5	that were taken for our analysis.	5	real number, and 60 miles 60 miles was on the
6	Q. Okay. So, there was no interpretation	6	basis of my experience with different postal regions.
7	necessary for those particular for that particular	7	Q. What was your experience with different
8	inquiry; correct?	8	postal regions which led you to choose 60 miles as
9	A. I don't know what you mean by no	9	the threshold for
10	interpretation necessary.	10	A. Having having having lived and
11	Q. Well, you would just see and compare two	11	mailed having lived and mailed documents for most
12	addresses, if it's if the addresses are different,	12	of my life in different places around the United
13			
14	then there's a presumption or indicia that it's	13	States.
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2	from the U.S. Postal Service to determine whether 60	2	could be characterized as a dispute.
3	miles had any relevance in terms of determining	3	BY MR. FRANCIS:
4	whether or not something was sent by from a	4	Q. A dispute of an inquiry.
5	consumer directly versus not; correct?	5	A. Yes.
6	A. At the time that this first report was	6	Q. Okay. But my question was, is you weren't
7	written, you're the answer is correct.	7	tasked with that assignment.
8	Q. Okay.	8	Tell me if a letter has a dispute of
9	A. If we get to the supplemental report, we	9	an inquiry in it or tell me the number of letters
10	can have a different a different conversation.	10	that have you would consider to have a dispute of
11	Q. Now, all right, I was asking you about what	11	an inquiry.
12	the criteria was that you defined as indicia for	12	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, form,
13	agency, and you mentioned the 60-mile marker.	13	
14	Were there any other criteria, other	14	compound. You can answer.
		15	THE WITNESS: Well, Mr.
15 16	than the 60-mile marker, which the reviewers used to	16	
	determine whether or not a letter was sent by an		Francis, if we look at category number four in Table 2
17	agent or not?	17	
18	A. No, sir.	18	BY MR. FRANCIS:
19	Q. Okay. In terms of your assignment, were	19	Q. Okay.
20	you ever asked to determine the number of letters	20	A the you know, the question you
21	which disputed an inquiry?	21	know, the question is, is that is that a is
22	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague	22	that a statement about a is that a statement about
23	as to what assignment and what time	23	a dispute.
24	period.	24	If we can look at category seven, the
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1	THE WITNESS: I was not asked	1	letter centers on a consumer's assertion that the
2	for for any number, I was asked	2	consumer did not authorize the end user's inquiry.
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4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	more than one context. I was not asked for a I was not asked for a particular number. I reported the results of my study, but I was not asked for a number. BY MR. FRANCIS: Q. Were you asked to determine whether a letter contained a dispute of an inquiry? MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague as to dispute. Go ahead and answer if you can. THE WITNESS: Could I have the question read back either by the court reporter or would you repeat it, Mr. Francis. MR. FRANCIS: Andrea, could you read it back, please. (Pertinent portion of the record read back.) THE WITNESS: A dispute. Well,	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	eight seven, by contrast to six, seven, eight, ten, 11 and 12, which I identify in footnote 17, are circumstances that are features of the letter that that that I have identified as reflecting a complaint, assertion or question about the accuracy of the account, and the and the and the coders were directed to attend to those features with very objective criteria. Q. Okay. I was simply asking what you were asked to do. You identified two inquiries as to the scope and the overview of your assignment in 1.2, paragraph 9. My question was, were you ever asked or assigned by TransUnion to tell us something different, tell us the number of letters which contain a dispute of an inquiry? MR. O'NEIL: Objection, misstates the prior question. THE WITNESS: I was not I

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Page 89 Page 91 1 1 the question that was asked of me at the A. I would not know. 2 2 Q. Okay. And when you say you would not know, beginning was do the letters reflect more 3 than one context for their complaints, 3 you mean you don't know whether or not any type of 4 4 electronic search query utilizing search terms or assertions, questions or demands. 5 5 The fact that I did analysis words were run against these letters. 6 A. I don't. I can say that the amount of time 6 and provided those numbers to counsel is 7 7 consistent with the quantitative methods between the time that the letters were delivered each 8 8 that I am -- that I am competent to day to the reviewers and the amount of time that --9 9 that it took for them to provide their answers deliver with respect to advising counsel, 10 the client, you and the Court as to -- as 10 suggested that they did not shortcut the cognitive 11 process of reading the English language, comparing it 11 to what a sample says about the features 12 of these letters, and so I quantify from 12 to the objective criteria and putting proper 13 categories on the letters as they were -- as they 13 objective criteria the features of these 14 letters. 14 were read in -- read twice; that is, independently by 15 15 BY MR. FRANCIS: the reviewers. 16 Q. Correct. And if -- if you had been asked 16 Q. Okay. But to be clear, they're reviewing to include as a feature the simple feature that the 17 the letters manually with their own eyes. 17 letter includes a dispute of an inquiry, you could 18 You're not aware of any analysis of 18 19 have done that; right? 19 the letters that was conducted electronically by use 20 20 MR. O'NEIL: Objection, assumes of search terms run against terms within the letters; 21 facts not in evidence. 21 22 A. Let's see. Let's -- let's be -- let's be 22 THE WITNESS: I could have, but 23 23 the -- but the challenge with respect to careful about timing here. 24 that, Mr. Francis, is that now I'm 24 If you're talking about the way the Page 90 Page 92 1 handing -- now I'm handing a reader a reviewers read the letters? 1 2 2 criterion that is vague, and so to Q. Correct. 3 avoid -- to avoid a vague interpretation 3 A. I'm not aware of the reviewers using 4 of a letter, I've tried to provide more 4 electronic -- electronic support for their analysis. 5 granular direction with respect to 5 Q. Right. You're not aware, for example, of a 6 specific features. 6 situation where run this phrase against the letters, 7 7 BY MR. FRANCIS: I write to dispute an inquiry on my TransUnion file, 8 Q. Okay. So did you ever supply the reviewers 8 find that phrase. 9 with search terms to run against the letters? 9 That was never done; correct? 10 10 A. Yes. A. I didn't say that it wasn't done, I said I MR. O'NEIL: Objection. wasn't aware of whether any reviewer used any kind 11 11 12 BY MR. FRANCIS: 12 of -- any kind of search criteria. 13 Q. Yes. Okay. 13 What I can say is that the -- that the 14 results were provided -- that results were provided A. The search terms -- the search terms are --14 15 are cognitive. When you say run, they're cognitive 15 to me -- because they're working independently, the with respect to look for these particular words and 16 results were provided to me to evaluate their -- the, 16 17 phrases, and -- and all of those are spelled out in 17 I'll call it, the concordance or accordance of their 18 the coding manual. 18 review. The -- the methods by which they did that 19 Q. Okay. 19 were -- were -- were specifically directed in the 2.0 A. It's very objective. 20 coding manual. 21 Q. And did -- did any of the reviewers utilize 21 If they used any kind of electronic 22 a search-and-find function or query electronically 22 supplement to their compliance with that coding 23 against the letters, where certain terms and/or words 23 manual, I would have no idea. 24 were run against the letters? 24 Q. Okay. But before you issued your report

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Page 93 Page 95 1 1 and you signed off on this, did you make an attempt valid random sample of over 800 letters from the 2 to figure out exactly what the reviewers did so you 2 population of letters submitted to TransUnion, the 3 could state with confidence the opinions that you set 3 population of letters present a wide variety of 4 complaints, assertions, questions or demands, period. 4 A. The reviewers were -- were directed to read 5 5 First question for you is, 6 6 and to describe, per the criteria of the coding objectively, what constitutes a wide variety versus a 7 7 manual, the features of the letters. That is a -non-wide variety? 8 8 that is a cognitive process, any -- it -- just --A. Many versus fewer. 9 just as -- just as we are all looking at the printed 9 Q. How many? 10 word today and drawing -- drawing meaning from it, so 10 A. It's a judgment call, Mr. Francis. 11 there is no -- no -- nothing fancier than that with 11 Q. I'm asking what you mean, a -- is a wide 12 respect to this, and it's a -- it's such a generally 12 variety ten, 20, 40 or 100? 13 13 accepted practice in American juris prudence across A. Well, in this case -- in this case, because 14 the last 20 years that it doesn't -- it doesn't bear 14 we were able to describe almost the entirety of the 15 any suspicion. 15 features within approximately 15 objective 16 Q. Are you opining on American juris prudence 16 categories, 15 seems -- 15 seems wide to me, in 17 17 relation to one. A. I said this practice of doing bibliographic 18 18 Q. Okay. And, again, you didn't -- other than 19 work within American juris prudence. 19 the features of complaints, assertions, questions and 20 20 Q. You don't have any law degrees, do you? demands, you didn't render any opinion regarding 21 A. No, sir. 21 whether those letters contained disputes of Q. And you don't consider yourself to be an 22 22 inquiries; correct? 23 expert witness in terms of the legal field, do you? 23 A. Once again, the -- the categories seven, 24 MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague. 2.4 eight, ten, 11 and 12 subsume complaints, assertions, Page 94 Page 96 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure what questions or demands. 1 1 2 2 you mean by the legal field. Q. Okay. Is it your opinion and testimony 3 With respect to using 3 today, Dr. Lasater, that the letter categories in 4 bibliographic evidence in the course of 4 your Table 2 of seven, eight, ten, 11 and 12 all 5 developing evidence for litigation, I 5 included some type of a dispute of an inquiry? 6 have a lot of expertise. 6 MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague. 7 BY MR. FRANCIS: 7 THE WITNESS: I think that 8 Q. Do you -- are you able to opine today about 8 the -- the categories seven, eight, ten, 9 what happens in American juris prudence? 9 11 and 12 reflect complaints, assertions, 10 MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague. 10 questions or demands. 11 THE WITNESS: Again, with 11 I was not -- I was not asked to 12 respect to -- with respect to my 12 address the issue of dispute. understanding of that term and the use of 13 13 BY MR. FRANCIS: 14 the -- the use of bibliographic search in 14 Q. Okay. Let me break that down. it, then I'm speaking to that particular 15 15 But is it your testimony that seven, 16 practice of using bibliographic --16 eight, ten, 11 and 12 address the complaint, 17 bibliographic search and analysis 17 assertion, question or demand about an inquiry? 18 within -- within the course of bringing 18 A. That is the feature of the inquiry. 19 evidence into -- into litigation. 19 Q. Okay. But you weren't asked to determine 2.0 BY MR. FRANCIS: 20 whether an inquiry -- whether a letter had a feature 21 Q. All right. Let's turn to the next page, 21 of a dispute; correct? 22 which is the summary of opinions at 1.4. 22 A. None of my -- none of -- well, first of At opinion one, you -- at opinion one, 23 23 all, all of these categories are -- are categories 24 you state that: On the basis of a statistically 24 that are developed from the letters. I was not asked

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Rather than to deal with some

overarching term, I tried to use the letters as they

were presented to me and as the -- as -- as objective

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1	to develop evidence on any of these specific	1	readers understood the letters to have features, and
2	categories. This is 100 this is 100 percent FTI	2	was focused on that; it was not about the broader
3	work.	3	question of dispute.
4	Secondly secondly, I was not asked	4	Q. Okay. You just stated that the word
5	to asked by counsel to read a letter or to	5	"dispute" could be different things to you and me.
6	evaluate it with respect to whether it was a dispute.	6	Isn't that the same for complaints,
7	Q. Gotcha. But you could have done that and	7	assertions, questions and demands? Couldn't those
8	looked at that for that feature, as well as the	8	words mean different things to different people?
9	other features you looked for; correct?	9	A. Once again, I did not ask the reader
10	A. That would require that would require an	10	evidently, they do because because you and I are
11	understanding of the word "dispute" as it might be	11	having a long a long dialogue about it, but what's
12	used in in the context of this case, it would	12	important are the features of the letters that are
13	require, I think, a maybe even a legal	13	reflected in Table 2 and the analysis that the
14	determination of what is a dispute.	14	readers did of those features.
15	I was not asked to do that and and	15	Q. Wouldn't you agree with me that whether a
16	to use that word without any specific direction of it	16	letter contained a dispute would be a feature of the
17	from from counsel or that I would that I would	17	letter?
18	understand from the documents that I read would be	18	A. Once again, there there there could
19	would be different from what I captured in this	19	be a there could be a feature that is a feature of
20	analysis.	20	a dispute, and I tried to capture that in granular
21	Q. So you're saying that you couldn't	21	fashion in the in the categories, and I and
22	determine whether a letter had the feature of a	22	I and I write to that in footnote 17.
23	dispute, but you could determine that it had the	23	Q. Okay. Let's go to opinion number two. You
24	feature of a complaint, assertion, question or	24	state, among other things: On the basis of a
21	reature of a complaint, assertion, question of	24	state, afforing other trillings. Off the basis of a
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1	demand.	1	systematic analysis of the random sample of letters,
2	A. It would require it would require a a	2	43.7 percent do not complain directly about the
3	morphos understanding of the communication and the	3	accuracy of an inquiry on a consumer's TransUnion
4	exchange between the consumer and TransUnion, and I	4	file, period.
5	didn't	5	Do you see that?
6	Q. Why why	6	A. Yes, sir.
7	A. Go ahead.	7	Q. If I'm a reviewer looking at the letters,
8	Q. Why is a dispute more that word more a	8	what objective criteria would instruct me as to
9	morphos than the words, "complaints," "assertions,"	9	whether a letter complained directly or not directly?
10	"questions" or "demands"?	10	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, assumes
11	MR. O'NEIL: Objection. Please	11	facts not in evidence, that that was the
12	stop interrupting the witness when he's	12	job of the reviewer.
13	trying to answer your questions, that way	13	THE WITNESS: The reviewer
14	you will not get complete answers.	14	was the reviewer was asked to evaluate
15	BY MR. FRANCIS:	15	the features of the letter that was put
16	Q. Go ahead, sir, please answer my question.	16	before them.
17	A. The word "dispute" may mean different	17	BY MR. FRANCIS:
18	things to me and to you. I understand that dispute	18	Q. And what were the criteria that the
19	as you're as you're using it can be subsumed in	19	reviewers would use to determine whether a letter
20	more granular more granular features of the	20	complained directly or not about the accuracy of an
21	communication, and that's what I sought to do.	21	inquiry?

MR. O'NEIL: Same objection --

same objection, assumes facts not in

evidence.

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                                                                            play is with respect to the accuracy of the report,
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                Go ahead and answer, Dr.
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          Lasater.
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                                                                            and -- and a focus on the accuracy of the report is
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                THE WITNESS: The direct is --
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                                                                           reflected potentially in categories seven, eight,
          is my interpretation of the -- and
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                                                                           ten, 11 and 12 specifically.
          summary of the -- the more granular data
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                                                                               Q. Okay. And I'm looking at your Table 2.
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          that is developed from the reviewer's
                                                                           Let's -- I may as well ask this while we're on it.
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          work.
                                                                                     Category number seven -- category
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       BY MR. FRANCIS:
                                                                            number eight references, and this -- this is from the
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                                                                           training manual flow chart, the, quote, unquote:
          Q. How were you able to state in opinion two
       that 43.7 percent of the random sample of the letters
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                                                                           Letter centers on the consumer's assertion.
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       did not complain directly about the accuracy of an
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                                                                                     Both of them use that language. Do
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                                                                           you see that?
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       inquiry?
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          A. Well, a -- a direct -- a direct complaint,
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                                                                               A. I do.
       again, is -- is granularly -- is granularly available
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                                                                               Q. What was -- what was the objective criteria
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                                                                           for determining whether a letter centered on
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       from categories -- and I don't want to misstate it.
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       We've said it over and over. The categories that are
                                                                           something?
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                                                                               A. I think we need to be -- be careful here,
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       indicated in footnote 17, which are seven, eight,
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                                                                           Mr. Francis. The -- the specific criteria that was
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       ten, 11 and 12.
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                                                                            used by the reviewers is in the coding manual.
          Q. Okay. What about category seven, eight,
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                                                                                     This -- this table is intended to
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       ten, 11 or 12 tell us what criteria was used to
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                                                                           provide a -- a useful summary, but it is -- it is --
       determine whether someone complained directly about a
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                                                                           it is not and can't be seen as standalone of the
       dispute or not?
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                                                                           reviewers' decisions and processes that they used to
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          A. Once again, we would have to go to the
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                                                                           determine whether or not a letter had a category
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       coding manual to look at the -- to look at the
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       direction and the examples, and the word "direct" has
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                                                                           eight feature --
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       to do with focus on a particular -- a -- a particular
                                                                              Q. Okay.
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       element of their account with TransUnion.
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                                                                              A. -- and so we'd have to look -- we -- to --
           Q. Okay. Right. You just used the word
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                                                                           to answer your question better, we need to look in
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        "focus." I was going to ask you about the language,
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                                                                           each instance at the coding manual to see whether or
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       which we'll get to in a little bit, "centers on" is
                                                                           not we would agree or disagree that reading a letter
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                                                                           would -- whether -- whether there is sufficient
       also used as focus.
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                 What determined whether a letter had a
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                                                                           direction in that coding manual to allow an objective
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                                                                           reader to decide that that letter had a feature eight
       focus on a particular element versus not a particular
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       element?
                                                                           category.
                 MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague.
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                                                                               Q. Okay. If you want to, why don't you take
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                 THE WITNESS: Because it makes
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                                                                           us to the manual which would outline and/or address
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           specific reference to an entry on the
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                                                                           the objective criteria for determining whether a
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           credit report.
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                                                                           letter centered on a particular assertion. I've
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       BY MR. FRANCIS:
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                                                                           never seen it, but if you want to find it, that's
           Q. Okay. If a letter included disputes of
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                                                                           fine.
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       four different items, one of which was a dispute of
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                                                                                     MR. O'NEIL: Mr. Francis, we've
       an inquiry, would that fall within your category of
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                                                                               been going over 90 minutes since our last
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       directly complained?
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                                                                               break, so can you let us know when is a
2.0
           A. Once again -- once again, we're talking
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                                                                              good time to take a short break.
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       about features of the letters, and we have to look at
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                                                                                     MR. FRANCIS: Sure. Let me --
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       whether or not the -- whether or not the feature,
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                                                                              let's just finish this question or so,
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       the -- the notion of direct here, has to do with --
                                                                               and then my -- my recommendation is we
       has -- and where -- where the footnote 17 comes into
                                                                               take a lunch break.
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1	MR. O'NEIL: Okay.	1	BY MR. FRANCIS:
2	MR. FRANCIS: But let's just,	2	Q. Okay. Are you telling me the page that
3	while we're on this	3	begins at 6.2, bucket number seven
4	BY MR. FRANCIS:	4	A. Yes.
5	Q. So, sir, can you point me or us to anyplace	5	Q includes all of the criteria for for
6	in the manual that you're referencing which	6	the reviewer to determine whether or not a letter
7	identifies the criteria for determining whether a	7	centers on a consumer's assertion that she did not
8	letter centered on a particular assertion or not.	8	authorize the end user's inquiry?
9	A. All right. So I don't have Bates-stamped	9	A. No, sir. I'm saying that you have to go
10	pages.	10	into the training manual
11	Q. Okay.	11	Q. Okay.
12	A. Perhaps your perhaps your associate	12	A and and
13	could bring up the if you have them Bates stamped,	13	Q. Where in where in the training manual
14	the well, since you've used centers centers,	14	would it
15	that is part of category eight or bucket eight in the	15	A. So so the training I I don't have
16	coding manual.	16	a Bates I don't have a Bates-stamped copy, so your
17	Q. Okay. When you say bucket eight in the	17	associate is going to have to scroll from I
18	coding manual, you're not referring referring to	18	suspect it's she he or she is going to have to
19	the flow chart; right?	19	scroll from the flow chart back about, looks like,
20	A. Well, we want to look at the specific	20	about 50 pages.
21	criteria and examples.	21	Q. Before the flow chart or after?
22	Q. Okay. And where is what what section	22	A. It would be after the flow chart.
23	would that be?	23	Q. And your page begins at the top what
24	A. Again, it's in it's in the it's in	24	begins at the top of your page?
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1	the Exhibit 6.2	1	A. You can see you can see how how the
2	Q. Okay.	2	associate is identifying that was most recently
3	A training manual.	3	bucket three, and they are in numerical order, so we
4	Q. Yep. And then you want to go to bucket	4	go to bucket seven.
5	seven or eight?	5	Q. Oh, okay. We're going over the examples;
6	A. We're talking about yeah, well, because	6	right?
7	you used the word "centers," and centers is part of	8	A. Bucket seven is is there.
8	the general description of category eight and centers		Q. Yeah, okay, I'm there, we're at bucket
9 10	is is is just a verb that is really going to	9	number seven.
10	the the characteristic of the letter insofar as	10	I see for bucket number seven, five
11 12	the the use of the term "permissible purpose."	11	pages, beginning with the heading, Bucket Number 7? A. Yes.
13	Q. Okay. Just to be clear, Dr. Lasater, I had	13	
	asked you before about categories seven and eight,	14	Q. And then going to bucket number eight; correct?
14 15	because they both use the phrase, "letter centers on the consumer's assertion."	15	A. Yes.
16	A. That's good. If you if you want, we can	16	Q. Okay.
17	do seven.	17	Q. Okay. A. And so
18	MR. FRANCIS: Let's look at	18	Q. So my question to you is, in these five
19		19	pages, would you tell me what the criteria is for
20	bucket number seven. Okay. Rayne, on there	20	determining whether a letter centered upon a
21	THE WITNESS: So and so	21	consumer's assertion.
22	we we could change the word "center"	22	A. "Centers," again, can be used as as a
23	to "contains the feature of" and	23	synonym for "contains the feature of."
24	accomplish exactly the same analysis.	24	Q. Okay. And then, assuming you use that
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set forth here in the training manual?

A. With respect to providing them with ex-ante

guidance, where -- where any differences between the

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1	synonym, what would be the objective criteria for the	1 first and second	reviewer occurred with respect to
2	reviewer to determine whether the letter centered	2 reading in a lette	r with with this feature or not,
3	upon something or contained the feature?	3 that was resolved	d between the reviewers and the
4	How do I know yes, it's in; no, it's	4 quality assurance	e person at Logility. So to
5	out?	5 Q. And are y	ou saying that
6	A. You can see on that page the first bullet.	6 A to the	- pardon me. So to the extent
7	Q. Okay. And what would determine whether the	7 that there is a	a confluence of understanding
8	consumer specifically cited authorization?	8 about how a lette	er would be read with respect to this
9	My question to you is, it's the word		luence has to be added to the
10	"authorization" appearing there?	0 training manual t	that preceded the reading.
11	What what objective method would	=	ut in terms of written criteria, am
12	determine whether or not that a consumer's		at we're looking at here in bucket
13	specifically citing an authorization? And if it's		our report, this is the only
14	just the word "authorization," that's fine.	-	ey were provided with?
15	MR. O'NEIL: Objection to form.	.5 A. Yes, sir.	, ,
16	THE WITNESS: "Authorization"	,	ow, I had asked you and you had
17	here is is the is the keyword	•	illet point number one of bucket
18	that the reviewer is going to be looking	•	age, which reads: A letter should
19	for, but the context of the use of that		t seven if the consumer specifically
20	keyword is going to be important.	sites authorization	
21	MR. FRANCIS: All right. Let's		sked you what would the
22	go off the video.		would the reviewer determine whether
23	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the		lly cited authorization as an issue
24	video record, 12:56 p.m.		cited or implicitly cited?
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1	(Luncheon recess.)	1 What v	
2		⊥ vviiat v	vould be the the objective
4	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the		vould be the the objective uld satisfy that criteria?
3		2 element that wo	uld satisfy that criteria?
	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the video record, 1:46 p.m. BY MR. FRANCIS:	element that woA. Well, the	
3	video record, 1:46 p.m. BY MR. FRANCIS:	element that wo A. Well, the authorize" "authorize" "authori	uld satisfy that criteria? use of the word "authorize," and uthorize" within the context of
3 4	video record, 1:46 p.m. BY MR. FRANCIS: Q. All right. Dr. Lasater, before we took a	element that wo A. Well, the unumber authorize "at sentences within	uld satisfy that criteria? use of the word "authorize," and uthorize" within the context of n the letter as are reflected in the
3 4 5	video record, 1:46 p.m. BY MR. FRANCIS: Q. All right. Dr. Lasater, before we took a lunch break, I was asking you about bucket seven	element that wo A. Well, the unusual authorize "au sentences withir examples that a	uld satisfy that criteria? use of the word "authorize," and uthorize" within the context of the letter as are reflected in the re provided.
3 4 5 6	video record, 1:46 p.m. BY MR. FRANCIS: Q. All right. Dr. Lasater, before we took a lunch break, I was asking you about bucket seven within what you referred to as the training manual,	element that wo A. Well, the unuthorize unue sentences within examples that a Q. Okay. A	uld satisfy that criteria? use of the word "authorize," and uthorize" within the context of n the letter as are reflected in the
3 4 5 6 7	video record, 1:46 p.m. BY MR. FRANCIS: Q. All right. Dr. Lasater, before we took a lunch break, I was asking you about bucket seven	element that wo A. Well, the unauthorize unauthorize unauthorize sentences within examples that a Q. Okay. A whether there w	uld satisfy that criteria? use of the word "authorize," and uthorize" within the context of the letter as are reflected in the re provided. Ind what would they use to determine were other sentences in context which
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evaluated with respect to the divergence of

understanding of the words within the context that

they are provided and whether or not that divergence

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of Logility.

Q. Okay. I guess my --

A. I don't know -- I don't know whether they

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        is -- is something that is specific to the quality of
                                                                            were the same -- whether they were the same persons
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        the document that is being -- and by quality, I mean
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                                                                            or different persons, but what I can say is that --
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        the characteristics of the document that is being
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                                                                            that we got coding for the letters simultaneously
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                                                                            from two different, independent reviews of the
        evaluated, and so it involves judgment, cognitive
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                                                                            letters.
        analysis by trained lawyers, independent trained
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                                                                               Q. So are you saying each letter was reviewed
        lawyers, with respect to reading English language.
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           Q. Okay. And I think you said before -- would
                                                                            by two separate people?
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                                                                              A. Yes.
        the word "authorization" have to be present in the
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        letter in order for the -- the reviewer to determine
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                                                                               Q. Okay.
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        and code it as a bucket seven?
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                                                                               A. And then -- and then the -- and then the
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           A. I don't know -- I don't know whether
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                                                                            coding -- and then the coding after that was
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        authorization is -- is specifically required, but I
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                                                                            evaluated with respect to its agreement. If there
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        believe that in most every instance, and I can't -- I
                                                                            was disagreement, there was a resolution of that as
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        can't cite -- I can't cite an example outside it,
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                                                                            between -- as between the reviewers.
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        but -- but we see both of these letters -- both of
                                                                                     And then -- and then subsequent to
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                                                                            that, once -- once we got the coding and we looked at
        these letters from different consumers, and by the
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        way, I would point out that they are the same letter,
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                                                                            especially letters that had -- that had a template
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                                                                            characteristic, whether within the two samples, that
        but -- but one of them is emphasizing other -- other
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        features of the letter as well, the highlighted and
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                                                                            characteristic was treated similarly in the two as
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        yellow is using the word "authorize" within
                                                                            samples, and so there were at least two layers of
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        sentences.
                                                                            quality assurance associated with the interpretation
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           Q. Is there a search query that could be
                                                                            of the -- of the characteristics of the letters.
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        designed as applied to the population of letters that
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                                                                               Q. Okay. Are you saying that there were times
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        your team reviewed which would identify all of the
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                                                                            when the reviewers had conflicting views of what was
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       bucket seven letters that your team identified?
                                                                            stated in the letter such that they would have put
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                                                                            them in different buckets?
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          A. I don't know.
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          Q. Okay. Do you know -- do you know any way
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                                                                               A. The answer is -- the answer is -- is
       to test whether the criteria that's outlined here on
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                                                                            conflicting generally in the sense of one not --
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       page bucket seven and in the accompanying pages was
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                                                                            one -- one reviewer seeing more in a letter than
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       correctly applied to the sample of letters that your
                                                                            another reviewer.
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       team reviewed?
                                                                               Q. So was your answer yes, that there were
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          A. Yes, I mentioned it earlier.
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                                                                            situations where the reviewers would have differing
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          Q. Okay. But you're not aware of any
                                                                            or conflicting buckets?
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       electronic method for doing that?
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                                                                               A. Again, I'm not going to -- I'm not going to
          A. Well, the electronic -- the electronic --
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                                                                            suggest that they are conflicting, I'm going to
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       the electronic method is when the letter was coded
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       and if there was a -- if there was a difference in
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                                                                            different coding, then it was subject to a quality
       the coding for a letter, that -- that triggered a --
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                                                                            assurance analysis, so that the -- that the coding
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       that -- that -- that triggered a difference, because
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                                                                            could be agreed between the quality assurance person
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       all of the letters were -- were read simultaneously
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                                                                            and the -- and the readers. I think that's described
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       by two independent contract -- contract lawyers.
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                                                                            in the report.
          Q. So are you saying that they -- all the --
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                                                                               Q. Okay. And how many different instances
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       the two contract lawyers reviewed all of the letters?
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                                                                            were there where there was a differing reading or
2.0
          A. What I'm saying is the letters were -- were
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                                                                            a -- what I call a conflict between the two
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       read by two -- by two contract lawyers in the employ
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                                                                            reviewers?
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A. I -- I can't speak to that, I don't know.

Q. Okay. In terms of the criteria, so maybe

you answered this, maybe not, it was unclear to me,

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1	was the word "authorization" required in order for a	1	sounds to me like it is a first criterion of
2	letter to be coded as bucket seven?	2	consideration by the reviewers.
3	MR. O'NEIL: Object, asked and	3	Q. If the consumer had stated, I never applied
4	answered.	4	for credit with company X, would that satisfy bucket
5	THE WITNESS: I'm not sure I	5	seven?
6	would I would agree that that	6	A. We have to look at at any of the
7	authorization was required, but I	7	other any of the other features; right?
8	would I would anticipate that since	8	Q. How about just that sentence, I never
9	the issue has to do with authorization,	9	applied for credit with Capital One, does that
10	that the word should appear in the	10	does that get a bucket seven or did it not?
11	letter.	11	A. I would have to look back at the sample to
12	BY MR. FRANCIS:	12	know the answer to that question.
13	Q. Okay.	13	Q. Okay. If you want to, it should be right
14	A. I'm using the word and I'm using	14	there. Why don't you look at the sample.
15	"should" as a normative; right?	15	A. What I'm saying is I'd have to look at
16	That it would that we would	16	the I would have to look at the letters that fall
17	anticipate that if the letter had the word	17	into the fall into the sample and look at the hard
18	"authorize," that bucket seven would be considered as	18	copy of the letters themselves to see to see
19	to whether or not the letter had a bucket seven	19	whether or not there are any that have that are
20	feature.	20	exclusively exclusively the language that you are
21	Q. Okay. But you're not certain whether the	21	using to see how those were coded. I can't answer
22	word "authorization" was required in order for bucket	22	your question without that.
23	seven to be applied.	23	Q. Okay. Okay.
24	A. It's not it's there is no there is	24	A. And that and that highlights that
	7. Remot Re diorete le la diorete		7. 7. Tura triat and triat myrmyrno triat
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Page 121 Page 123 1 1 every letter to be able to answer your question. I understood what the processes were at TransUnion 2 Q. Okay. Well, I'm just -- well, I'm just 2 with respect to the correspondence between the 3 asking whether or not that was a rule, that if the 3 consumers and -- and the company, and I said I didn't 4 4 know what that -- what that process was, and so I -word "permission" were included or a phrase 5 5 I simply can't answer your question. mentioning permission, whether that would be a rule 6 6 which would cause the reviewer to assign bucket Q. Okay. So I think my question's a little 7 7 seven, regardless of what they did. bit different, just to be clear. 8 8 A. Yeah, the answer -- yeah, the answer -- the You're not aware of what features in 9 answer to that is -- the answer to that is there is 9 the letters caused TransUnion to send the class 10 not -- there is not a rule, but that is -- that is 10 members a 502 letter; right? 11 one of the elements of needing to read the letters 11 A. No, I'm not aware. 12 individually because of the wide variety of English 12 Q. Okay. Okay. Let's go back. We 13 13 language within context in sentences and paragraphs were at the summary of your opinions, Section 1.4, we 14 in -- in -- in any -- in any correspondence between 14 had left off at opinion two, I had asked you some 15 the consumer and TransUnion. That is why -- that is questions about your statement about 43.7 percent of 15 16 why human intervention in this is important, and 16 the letters do not complain directly about the 17 17 accuracy of an inquiry on a consumer's TransUnion we --18 18 Q. Do you know -- go ahead. 19 A. -- we would have to look at the variety of 19 What data did you rely upon to 20 2.0 the letters and the languages that were -- the conclude that figure? 21 A. It should be the confluence of the union of 21 languages that were -- that were, I'll say, 22 22 the categories seven, eight, ten, 11 and 12. affirmed -- because of the quality assurance --23 quality assurance that went on, that were affirmed, 23 Q. Okay. And the reason I ask that question 2.4 that went into those categories. 2.4 is because in your opinion, you mention several times Page 122 Page 124 1 Q. Do you know why TransUnion considered the 1 about the question about a consumer complaining 2 2 letters that you reviewed to be disputes of inquiries directly, but I don't see "complaining directly" in 3 such that it sent a 502 letter? 3 any of the letter categories, so for -- you were the 4 MR. O'NEIL: Excuse me, Dr. 4 one that supplied the analysis that 43.7 percent of 5 Lasater 5 the letters did not complain directly; correct? 6 Objection. Once again, 6 A. I am. 7 7 misstates the record. Q. Okay. None -- and would you agree with me 8 THE WITNESS: Mr. Francis, you 8 that none of the letter categories in Table 2 contain 9 9 a category for whether or not a letter complained want to take me into -- into an arena 10 directly about the accuracy; correct? of -- of dispute. My -- my direction was 10 11 not with respect to the word "dispute," 11 A. That is correct. 12 my -- that was simply not my direction, 12 Q. Okay. Now, prior to applying whatever 13 and so I'm -- I'm -- I'm hesitant -- I'm 13 analysis you applied, what was the definition of 14 hesitant to -- to try to answer your 14 "directly" that you used in connection with Table 2 15 question because it's foreign to -- it's 15 to determine that 43.7 percent number? 16 16 foreign to the objective of my work. A. Whether or not a letter -- whether or not a 17 BY MR. FRANCIS: 17 letter had -- had been coded as seven, eight, ten, 11 Q. Okay. Let me ask it a little different, 18 18 or 12. It is that simple. 19 maybe I'll -- we'll bypass that concern of yours. 19 Q. And why -- why does "directly" apply only 2.0 Do you know what features of the 2.0 to those categories? 21 letters from class members, including the ones that 21 A. It has to do with accuracy. We're talking 22 your team reviewed, that led TransUnion to send them 22 about accuracy. 23 23 a 502 letter? Q. Okay. A. You asked me early on in this deposition if A. I could have -- I could have -- I could

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of the creditor who is -- who is identified or

creditors who are identified in the letter, that the

question -- the question is, does the letter seem to

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Page 125 Page 127 be -- does the letter seem to be a unique -- a unique 1 have omitted the word "directly" and accomplished 1 2 the -- accomplished the same -- the same meaning. 2 piece -- a unique piece of correspondence or is it a 3 You -- you seem to be focused on the 3 correspondence that follows a particular, specific word "directly," and if we strike "directly" and read 4 4 pattern. the sentences with respect to accuracy, we come to 5 Q. And what did you -- what criteria did you 5 6 use or apply to determine whether or not a letter was 6 the same conclusion. 7 7 I guess, in other words, I'm urging -a template? 8 8 A. The process -- the process for that, Mr. I'm urging that "directly" is, perhaps, being given 9 more meaning in the way you are trying to evaluate my 9 Francis, is -- is -- is described in -- in detail 10 decision process than I intended it. 10 within the report. 11 Q. Okay. And can you give me an example of a 11 Q. Okay. I'm asking you to -- if you recall 12 letter which would complain indirectly about the 12 it, if you don't recall it, we can look at it --13 accuracy of an inquiry? 13 A. Well --14 A. Once again, you're -- you're -- you're 14 Q. -- if you can recall what the process was? 15 putting an emphasis on "directly" and I'm suggesting A. -- I'm going to describe it generally, and 15 16 that you can strike "directly" and accomplish exactly 16 if we want to go into the specifics, then we would 17 the same conclusion that I am describing with respect 17 also have to go into all of the -- all of the to complaining about the accuracy of the --18 18 computer programming that was used --19 complaining about the accuracy of their account, 19 Q. Okay. 20 20 where they make a specific reference to an entry on A. -- to -- to implement two different software packages that are generally accepted within 21 the account within the categories of seven, eight, 21 22 22 bibliographic search in -- in American litigation -ten, 11 and 12. 23 Q. Okay. All right. I've asked you about 23 Q. Okay. What record --24 some of the facts or assumptions for opinion three. 2.4 A. -- and we can -- we can look -- we can look Page 126 Page 128 Let's go to opinion four. You write at Figure 3 as the -- as the description. 1 1 2 Q. Okay. Fine. Okay. 2 that: On the basis of a systematic analysis of the 3 439,618 letters, more than 45 percent of the letters 3 A. -- and so two --4 reflect at least 16 different apparent templates used 4 Q. Now --5 5 to shape the letters, period. A. -- two different software packages were 6 Do you see that? 6 used --7 A. Yes. 7 Q. Okay. 8 Q. Okay. Why the reference to templates? 8 A. -- and the process that -- the process that A. We want to put a label -- we want to put a 9 9 was activated within each of those softwares is -- is 10 label on letters that appear to be nearly identical. 10 described graphically in Figure 3 and in text in the 11 I had to choose a label and so I chose the word 11 report in paragraphs surrounding Figure 3 and in "template." 12 12 detail in -- in attachments to the report. Q. Okay. And what's the relevance of looking 13 13 Q. Okay. To be clear, for the record, are you 14 at -- what was the relevance for you, in terms of referring to the section of your report that begins 14 your opinions, as to the relevance of whether or not 15 15 with Section 3, at page 23, and ends at page 29, 16 a letter appeared to have come from a template? 16 paragraph 63? 17 A. The relevance is to simply advise -- advise 17 A. Yes, sir. 18 counsel originally, advise the client and -- and 18 Q. Okay. Great. Now, did you or anybody from 19 report, for purposes of -- of this litigation matter, 19 the team make any determination or assessment as to that many of the letters seemed to be different only 2.0 20 which, if any, of the templates related to templates 21 in the name of the addressee and the identification 21 used by credit repair organizations?

A. First of all, your question assumes that I

repair organizations. I don't know, and so I can't

would know if or whether templates are used at credit

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Page 129 Page 131 A. Yes, I acknowledge that in the report. 1 answer your question. 1 2 Q. Okay. 2 Q. All right. If -- now, let's turn to the 3 A. What I --3 top of page 6, we're still at opinion four. You 4 Q. You are --4 state: This observation creates uncertainty that the 5 A. What I -- but what I can tell you is that 5 complaints, assertions, demands -- excuse me, the 6 we have -- we have discovered 16 varieties of near complaints, assertions, questions or demands in the 6 7 7 identical letters within the population of 400,000 or letters reflect bona fide points of view or 8 so letters. There are --8 perspectives of the consumers whose names are 9 Q. All right. And --9 associated with the letters. 10 A. There are more -- there are more, but we --10 Do you see that? 11 but we stopped at -- we stopped at 16 because the --A. Yes, sir. 11 12 the number of identicals was starting to decline 12 Q. What do you mean by bona fide in that 13 as -- as you can see. 13 sentence? Q. Did you, in your analysis, make any attempt 14 14 A. Original, valid, self-determined. to determine whether the templates that you 15 15 Q. And what do you mean that the observation 16 identified were templates that came from a credit 16 creates uncertainty that the complaints, assertions, 17 repair organization versus a consumer using a 17 questions or demands were not valid? 18 template online to submit a dispute? What do you mean by valid? 18 19 A. No. 19 A. Valid as the Court would define it, valid 20 2.0 Q. Okay. Am I correct that your analysis and as that term might be used in -- in using this report does not distinguish between those two type of 21 21 information in this -- in this litigation matter. 22 22 Q. What do you mean? templates: correct? 23 A. Assuming that -- assuming that credit 23 How would the Court, in your 2.4 repair shops use templates, the answer is no. 24 understanding, define valid? Page 130 Page 132 Q. Okay. So if credit repair organizations 1 A. Once again, whether or not -- whether or 1 2 2 use certain templates and there are also templates not a consumer is part of the class is a -- is a 3 that exist on the Internet that consumers can use to 3 legal determination. 4 4 All I am saying is if the letter is -make disputes, does your analysis in any way 5 distinguish between those two types of templates or 5 is sent distant and seems to be from a template, that 6 6 those types of templates? creates uncertainty as to whether or not that letter 7 7 A. This particular section of the -- this is -- is -- is an authentic, original, 8 particular section of the report does not make any 8 self-determined assertion, question, demand by the --9 attempt to distinguish between this -- distinguish or 9 by the consumer themself. 10 Q. And what do you mean by self-determined? 10 identify the source of the templates. Q. Okay. Is there a portion of this report 11 A. Original. 11 12 which does? 12 Q. So when you say original, you mean it comes from the consumer, the consumer -- or that the 13 A. No, there's -- there is a portion of the 13 report that addresses the -- the question, and one 14 14 consumer wrote it specifically? 15 would have to -- one would have begin to do a 15 A. Well, one can hire an agent. The question 16 16 is whether or not the agent took direction from the confluence of -- of distant -- distant sends and 17 templates in order to begin to do that from a 17 consumer. If the agent --18 quantitative analysis perspective. 18 Q. How about if the --19 Q. Okay. So would you agree with me that the 19 A. If the -- if the agent takes direction from 20 portions of your opinion which relate to the 2.0 the consumer, then I would say that the consumer is 21 the originator of the idea that is reflected in the percentage of letters which you deemed to be 21 22 templates would include templates that consumers 22 letter. 23 23 could obtain online by themselves if such -- if such If, on the other hand, the consumer just turns over a credit report to -- to an agent and 24 things existed? 24

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were able to do that, we would have done that through

these single -- these single softwares, but, in fact,

the best we can do is say that it just creates

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Page 133 Page 135 1 1 uncertainty about -- about the bona fide points of the agent conceives of a -- of a basis for creating a 2 correspondence with TransUnion, I would describe that 2 3 as originating from the -- the agent and not from the 3 Even -- even in the -- even in the 4 handling of -- of highly sophisticated and very 4 Q. What about if the consumer asks someone. 5 expensive software that -- that has as its -- as its 5 please draft a letter for me, then the consumer sends 6 objective the ability to -- to sift and sort the 6 7 it, would that be an original and valid dispute for 7 English language, it still has to be evaluated on a 8 8 letter-by-letter basis to discern the meaning --9 A. There is -- now you're -- now you're 9 discern the meaning that is intended or that -- that 10 getting into -- now you're getting into the law of 10 at least objectively is evaluated in that letter. 11 agency, and all I'm saying is that this -- this 11 We can't --12 observation of distance and templates creates 12 Q. Are you saying you need a human being to 13 uncertainty that has to be resolved on a 13 read the letter in order to render a decision as to 14 letter-by-letter basis within this -- within this 14 what the letter -- what words are stated in the 15 file of 400,000 letters. 15 16 Q. And that's because, in your view, you can't 16 A. As -- as pertains -- as pertains to the way 17 write a program to look for search terms; right? 17 the letter would be applied, the letter would need to 18 A. One can write a program to look for search 18 be included as evidence of a consumer's communication 19 terms, but one cannot make -- make a definitive 19 in this -- in this litigation matter. 20 determination of a letter ex-ante without looking at 20 Q. So it's your view that you would need a 21 the -- the complete letter. 21 human being's interpretation or judgment in looking 22 Q. Why not? 22 at the letter to make a determination what it was 23 A. Because the English language is complex and 23 saying or what category it was in. 24 meaning is complex, and here we have -- here we 24 A. Definitively? Yes. Page 134 Page 136 have -- also, we're adding -- we're adding players to 1 Q. Okay. And would you also agree that --1 2 2 the use of the language as that -- as that language that human intervention could introduce human error 3 might be developed in or around enforcement of a --3 and human judgment? 4 4 A. That is where -- that is where the -- the of a regulation. 5 5 Q. Do you think a query could be designed that role of the dictionary and the use of -- the use of 6 6 would look for the sentence, I write to dispute an words within a culture become important. Q. The use of words within a culture, what do 7 7 inquiry on my TransUnion credit report? 8 Do you think you could search 8 vou mean by within a culture? 9 9 400-and-some-thousand letters for that sentence? A. Within -- within ordinary --10 10 ordinary use as a -- as a dictionary that would be A. For that exact sentence? Of course. 11 Q. Okay. And do you agree with me that within 11 used in the United States would understand it. 12 the 400,000 letters that you were tasked with 12 Q. Do you consider yourself an expert in 13 providing an analysis of, you could write one or many 13 semiotics? 14 queries -- word searches and queries of those letters 14 MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague. 15 and search them? 15 THE WITNESS: I think you asked 16 16 A. Well, when you say many, we have to have an me -- you didn't ask me that specific 17 objective, and the question is, within -- within the 17 question, but you asked me about 18 malleability of the English language, can -- can we 18 linguistics, and the answer is no. 19 assign yet, within current computer technology, an 19 BY MR. FRANCIS: 2.0 ability to interpret meaning by -- by meaning --2.0 Q. All right. But you would agree with me 21 by -- by program language, and the answer is, if we 21 that if what we wanted to see was whether there were

certain words or sentences in these letters, it could

be done electronically through a search query, you

agree with that; right?

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of that is something that I can address. I'm aware of -- of recursive -- recursive algorithms that are

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Page 137 Page 139 1 1 A. Ask -- again, ask the question again, used in artificial intelligence and know that they 2 because it sounds to me like it's misstating what I 2 are fallible. 3 3 Q. Are you saying that you have expertise in 4 Q. Okay. Well, then, let's get it clear. 4 the capabilities and the current capacities of Al Would you agree with me that you could 5 5 technology? 6 6 design a search query that looked for whether a A. No. What I'm saying is AI technology has 7 7 letter contained certain words or certain sentences not gotten to a point where, as a lay observer and as 8 8 and run that against the -- the class letters? a professional user of decision rules in -- in 9 A. You asked me that earlier on and I said 9 algorithms, that replace the -- the -- the human 10 10 interpretation of the English language with respect yes --Q. Okay. 11 to the kinds of things that are the subject of this 11 12 A. -- but what it doesn't -- but what it --12 litigation, as I understand. 13 13 but what it doesn't do is -- is address the question Q. You think that you are knowledgeable about 14 specifically unless the computer is programmed to 14 the full capacities and capabilities of AI technology 15 15 interpret the -- the language as the Court would in terms of searching documents and words? 16 require it or as the jury would require it to be 16 A. Well, so -- so the answer is, once again, 17 interpreted. 17 there is no artificial intelligence that is offered 18 Q. Well, are you saying that a human being 18 to the legal community that processes responsiveness 19 interpreting the letter would be how the jury 19 of features of -- of any documents infallibly. 20 20 interprets the letter? Q. How do you know? 21 2.1 A. What I'm saying is independent lawyers Do you know what the market is out 2.2 reading these letters have categorized them and put 22 there for artificial intelligence technology? 23 features on them. I offer that -- I offer that as --23 A. Again, we're talking -- we're -- Mr. 24 as evidence that there are multiple contexts for the 2.4 Francis, we're talking about -- we're talking about Page 138 Page 140 1 complaints, assertions, questions and demands in 1 using bibliographic -- bibliographic data as -- as we 2 2 these letters. have it here in the correspondence between these 3 Q. When you say multiple contexts, do you mean 3 consumers and TransUnion, and what has gone on in the 4 the other sentences or do you mean other complaints 4 legal community with respect to trying to process the 5 or something different? 5 huge volumes of it, that began with the -- that began 6 6 A. Once again, we talked about context at the with Judge Peck's decision in the Southern District 7 7 and are part of the Sedona Conference protocols that beginning of this -- of this deposition; the 8 situation or the circumstances in which the -- in 8 have developed across the last 15 years, some of 9 which I was a part. 9 which the communications are being written. 10 Q. All right. Going down further, Section 10 If we had -- if we had sufficient automated intelligence to discern all of this meaning 11 1.6, proportions and sampling, page 6, there is an 11 12 that -- that you are asking me about within a 12 indented paragraph, which is not consistent with the 13 13 computer, none of us would be on this call. indent under that, but that begins: We frequently 14 14 collect data on categorical variables, such as Q. I don't know what that means, but let me 15 ask you a follow-up question. 15 whether or not a person is employed, the brand name 16 16 Do you consider yourself an expert or of a cell phone or the country where a college 17 having expertise in automated intelligence, or AI? 17 student studies abroad. When we record categorical 18 A. To the extent -- the -- the answer is, to 18 variables, our data consists of counts or percent 19 the extent that decision rules are -- are developed 19 obtained from counts, period. 2.0 so that inputs can be processed and developed into 20 Do you see that? 21 subsequent inputs statistically speaking, then --21 A. Yes.

Q. Is that something excerpted from another

Is this a quotation from somewhere

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1	else?	1	A. Yes.
2	A. It should be a quote directly from Moore,	2	Q. What do you mean by binary characteristic?
3	McCabe & Craig	3	A. Binary is one or zero.
4	Q. Okay.	4	Q. Okay. All right. And is it your testimony
5	A which is which is cited as footnote	5	that you used the type of binomial sampling in this
6	1.	6	case for the letters the sample of letters that
7	Q. All right. Going to page 7, paragraph 17,	7	you looked at in accordance with paragraph 19?
8	you write that: When the goal is to discover the	8	A. Yes.
9	proportion or rate of occurrence of a characteristic	9	Q. Okay. Let's turn to paragraph well,
10	in the population, a small random sample of the	10	strike strike let's let's go to page 8.
11	population is generally accepted when the proportion	11	MR. O'NEIL: Mr. Francis
12	or rate is assumed to be uniformly distributed	12	MR. FRANCIS: Yes.
13	throughout the population, period.	13	MR. O'NEIL: we've been
14	Do you see that?	14	going for about an hour. Do you mind if
15	A. Yes, sir.	15	we just take a quick break, like a couple
16	Q. Okay. And would you agree with me that a	16	minutes.
17	small random sample is not necessarily generally	17	MR. FRANCIS: Sure. How about
18	accepted when the proportion rate is not uniformly	18	five, five, seven, whatever you want.
19	distributed throughout the population?	19	MR. O'NEIL: Thank you.
20	Do you agree with that premise?	20	Off the record.
21	A. Not necessarily. At that point at that	21	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the
22	point, would the population can be can be	22	video record, 2:42 p.m.
23	stratified, so that that which is not that rate	23	(Brief recess.)
24	which is discoverable discoverable different	24	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the
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1	Category Combinations; correct?	1	A. Two two sets of two sets of 400,
2	A. Yes.	2	totaling 800, yes, sir.
3	Q. And am I correct that the numbers under	3	Q. Okay. Now, were they taken from the
4	that in that column are numbers that pertain to	4	chronological segments in Figure 2 or the month
5	the various buckets that you've testified about	5	segments in Figure 1?
6	today?	6	A. They would have been taken from the
7	A. Yes, sir.	7	chronological segments in Figure 2.
8	Q. Okay. Is it your testimony that when we	8	Q. Okay. So let's look at let's look at
9	see multiple buckets, that would be a situation of	9	Figure No. 2.
10	more than one context?	10	What time period does each
11	A. That would be a set; that is, where we	11	chronological segment pertain to? How long is it?
12	had where we had multiple features from a from	12	A. I don't I don't recall the the
13	a quantitative analysis perspective, each of those	13	specific start and end dates. I would have to go
14	combinations becomes a context or a situation for	14	back to and it may be in the in the data that
15	those particular those those particular	15	we have provided.
16	consumers, and you can see the frequency of those	16	Q. Okay. And then, do I understand correctly
17	combinations across the across the two samples.	17	that what you did is you pulled 25 letters from each
18	Q. Okay. Gotcha. Now, going back to your	18	of the chronological segments?
19	sampling, I was asking you earlier about the small	19	A. That is correct.
20	sample size using the binomial sampling that you	20	Q. Okay. Now, do you know whether or not the
21	mentioned before.	21	letters that TransUnion received that are at issue in
22	At paragraph 21, Figure 1 and at	22	this class were uniformly distributed evenly across
23	paragraph 25, Figure 2, you identify letters and	23	all the segments?
24	documents by certain time periods; correct?	24	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague.
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1	Q. Okay. And, again, all of that's with you,	1	A. I didn't say that I couldn't do that, I
2	Mr. O'Neil and Hartmann?	2	said that it would it would be different it
3	A. When you say all of that, what do you mean?	3	would it would it would not be fair
4	Q. Well, you talked about this reading in	4	for my judgment, with respect to with respect to
5	paragraph 27. I'm asking whether this further	5	this, to be the full and complete reading (sic) of
6	analysis of the 93.5 percent, the 15 substantive	6	that letter.
7	categories, is this all still part of that reading	7	Q. So are you saying that the opinions you're
8	with Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Hartmann?	8	rendering here are you're just relying on what was
9	A. No, sir, that would be a it would be a	9	done by the the reviewers
10	misunderstanding and and a and a faulty	10	A. It is
11	development of the report by me. I should have	11	Q you're not endorsing that review?
12	opened up a new paragraph that would have begun with	12	A. It is it is a result of the process and
13	"based on."	13	I'm endorsing it as a matter of process.
14	Q. I see. Okay. So the involvement of Mr.	14	Q. But you couldn't represent yourself
15	O'Neil and Mr. Hartmann end at halfway through	15	A. It doesn't it doesn't they don't
16	paragraph 28, three geographical categories; is that	16	stand they don't stand in my shoes with respect to
17	right?	17	that. I am reporting the result of a process. I
18	A. That would be correct.	18	could read the letters and categorize them just as
19	Q. Okay. And the independent readers that	19	easily as you could with the with the manual in
20	you're referencing there, who are the independent	20	front of us.
21	readers that are being referred to there?	21	Q. Okay. Now, moving along, paragraph 31,
22	A. These are employees they were employed	22	page 13, you write: We've developed a training
23	by or contracted by Logility.	23	manual with exemplar letters to standardize the
24	Q. Okay. And they were Logility was paid	24	reading and coding decisions process.
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1	A. I did not speak to the lawyers. I spoke to	1	MR. FRANCIS: Okay. All right.
2	the quality assurance reader, but I don't have a	2	Off the video. Let's take a short break,
3	recollection of that person's name.	3	say ten minutes.
4	Q. Okay. Do you have a recollection of	4	MR. O'NEIL: Off the Mr
5	speaking to that person?	5	off the record.
6	A. Yes.	6	MR. FRANCIS: Yes.
7	Q. Okay. And on how many different occasions	7	MR. O'NEIL: Mr. Francis
8	did you speak to him or her?	8	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the
9	A. It was it was a her and it was probably,	9	video record, 3:19 p.m.
10	through the course of this process, six to eight	10	(Brief recess.)
11	times.	11	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the
12	Q. You don't remember her name?	12	video record, 3:36 p.m.
13	A. I do not.	13	BY MR. FRANCIS:
14	Q. All right. Moving along, page 14, 2.4,	14	Q. Dr. Lasater, I'm turning to Section A of
15	paragraph 34, you write: The most essential result	15	6.2 of your report, which is the flow chart. Just a
16	from the analysis of the initial sample of 413	16	couple quick questions here. Let me know, sir, when
17	letters is that the letters do not reflect a	17	you have the flow chart in front of you.
18	monolithic, singular category of complaint,	18	A. I do.
19	assertion, question or demand, period.	19	Q. Great. Okay. And would you tell me how
20	Do you see that?	20	this flow chart was used?
21	A. Yes.	21	What was the purpose of it?
22	Q. All right. What is your definition of	22	A. As initial as an initial description of
23	monolithic that you use there?	23	the process that was going to be necessary, it was an
24	A. Singular or unique, one. Any any number	24	introduction to the readers of the steps that would
24	A. Olligular of unique, one. Ally ally humber		introduction to the readers of the steps that would
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1	of any number of synonyms for monolithic.	1	be taken in terms of sequentially evaluating a letter
2	Q. All right. Let's jump ahead to page 22 of	2	for its potential different features.
3	your report. You write in paragraph 48: Based on	3	Q. Okay.
4	direction from counsel, I understand that a	4	A. The main the main impetus of this was
5	consumer's communication with TransUnion must allege	5	that the the process would continue throughout the
6	or identify some inaccuracy in the information	6	features, testing as testing as many of the
7	maintained by TransUnion as a first step in	7	categories as we had as we had indicated in the
8	triggering an investigation of the of the	8	training manual.
9	communication by TransUnion, period.	9	Q. Okay. And each of the various questions
10	Do you see that?	10	would yield a tag for a bucket depending upon whether
11	A. Yes, sir.	11	the reviewer answered it yes or no; correct?
12	Q. All right. And have you ever actually seen	12	A. That would be a mistake, in that the flow
13	the statutory language at issue here?	13	chart is intended to be the first guidance of of
14	MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague.	14	the process, and so each of these is intended to be a
15	THE WITNESS: I may have. I	15	summary categorical description that would have to
16	don't recall. It would not it would	16	be would have to be fleshed out by reading
17	not have been in the context or within	17	reading the letter in conjunction with the
18	the bounds of of this particular	18	descriptions, the advisories and the examples that
19	engagement, probably on my prior or	19	are in the training manual.
20	existing engagements.	20	Q. Got it. Okay. So one question that I have
21	BY MR. FRANCIS:	21	is, where did the initial questions come from?
22	Q. Okay. And have you ever seen the class	22	A. The initial questions arise from the the
23	certification decision in this case?	23	iterative categorical the iterative categorical
24	A. I did, yes, sir.	24	development from the from the the two samples,
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Page 165 Page 167 the 20 and then the 50, and then the -- the manual 1 has to do with -- with a more granular -- a more 1 2 was developed from that iterative process, and then 2 granular feature of the communication between the 3 as part of the training, we wanted to advise the 3 consumer and TransUnion --4 4 Q. Okay. And so -readers and their -- their quality assurance 5 5 A. -- and so -- and so those features -controller about the general process that was going 6 to be followed, and that is why the flow chart was 6 those -- as I had said -- as I had said earlier in 7 developed. 7 this deposition, there is not a -- there is not a 8 8 We did not want the reader to be category that says dispute. 9 handed a training manual and not understand that --9 When -- when we talk about is the 10 that the letters could have one or more features or consumer -- does a consumer have a -- have a question 10 11 characteristics, and we wanted to reinforce that so 11 or a comment about the accuracy of their -- of 12 that the -- the questions are -- are or should be, in 12 their -- of their account, that is -- that is 13 effect, summaries of what -- what is reflected in 13 captured in the -- the five categories that I had 14 the -- in the descriptions of the -- of the so-called 14 described earlier, which are seven, eight, ten, 11 15 buckets or the categories that are -- that I think 15 16 are described in -- in Table 2 of my report. 16 Q. Okay. But none of the questions contain a 17 Q. Okay. So, then, do I understand that 17 question -- query as to whether the consumer is 18 correctly to mean that there was the initial 18 stating a dispute using the word "dispute"; correct? 19 iterative review of the smaller sample, which --19 A. I think -- I think the answer to that is 2.0 which led to the development of these questions, and 20 that is correct, and I understand that word to have a 21 then these questions, along with the training manual, 21 lot of freighted meaning within the context of this 22 were used by the reviewers to come up with the 22 litigation. 23 numbers they came up with? 23 Q. All right. Based upon your analysis and 2.4 A. That is correct. your review of the data that you've testified about 24 Page 166 Page 168 Q. And what was that initial sample that was today, do you have any opinion regarding how many of 1 1 2 the 800 sample -- letter samples that you reviewed 2 used to develop these questions? Was that 20, 50, 3 200? What was that? 3 contained a dispute of an inquiry? 4 4 A. Once again, that's a -- whether or not it's A. The first -- the first -- the first pilot 5 5 was 20, the second pilot was 50, and then, from that a dispute, it seems to me is a -- is a -- is a 6 6 point, we moved on with the -- the complete sample in determination for the Court. 7 7 others' hands. What I have is features, features of 8 Q. So am I correct, then, based upon what 8 the letter that are -- are described or captured 9 9 in -- in Table 2. you've testified earlier, that the questions for 10 10 determining buckets were derived from the two pilots, MR. FRANCIS: All right. 11 the 20 and the 50? 11 Rayne, let's mark as Lasater-4, his 12 A. Correct. 12 rebuttal report, and as 5, his 13 Q. And that those pilots were developed with 13 supplemental rebuttal report of 14 counsel, Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Hartmann; correct? 14 yesterday. 15 A. Those -- those were developed by us and --15 BY MR. FRANCIS: 16 and then discussed with Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Hartmann. 16 Q. And all I'm going to ask you to do, Dr. 17 Q. Gotcha. Okay. 17 Lasater, is identify that Exhibits 4 and 5 are your A. It's a very -- it's a very standard -- it's 18 two rebuttal reports. 18 19 a very standard development of bibliographic coding. 19 A. If we could see them, please. 2.0 Q. Okay. Am I correct that there is no 2.0 21 question in the flow chart for "does the letter 21 A. Could we -- could we just scroll to the 22 contain a dispute of an inquiry"? 22 last page? 23 23 I'm going to assume that the A. We've -- we've talked about that over and

individual pages are -- what is on the screen is

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Page 169 Page 171 1 consistent with the -- with the last -- the last page 1 Q. And I'll ask the same series of questions 2 of Exhibit 6, which is an attachment to the rebuttal 2 for the rebuttal report that you finalized on April 3 report. That is --3 15. 2022. 4 Q. Right. And just to be --4 When you prepared that report, did you 5 5 make every effort to accurately describe the opinions A. That -- that -- that looks like my report. 6 6 Q. And just to be clear for the record, you and the bases for your opinions in that rebuttal submitted a rebuttal expert report dated April 15th, 7 7 report? 2022 in this case; is that right? 8 A. Yes, sir, and, again, based on -- based on 8 9 A. I did. 9 what I had received up to that point at that -- and 10 Q. And you submitted a supplemental rebuttal 10 at that stage from Mr. Jaffe's original report, yes, expert report dated May 4th, 2022? 11 11 A. Well, it should be dated May 3rd, unless --12 12 Q. And that's because although Mr. Jaffe filed 13 Q. May 3rd. Okay. May -- yep, May 3rd. 13 a rebuttal report commenting on your opinions, you 14 A. Yes, sir. 14 did not have Mr. Jaffe's rebuttal report in hand when you finalized your rebuttal report on April 15, 2022; 15 MR. FRANCIS: Okay. Dr. 15 16 correct? 16 Lasater, thank you for your time, I have 17 no further questions. 17 A. Well, no, I had his -- I had his -- I did THE WITNESS: Very well, Mr. 18 not have his rebuttal report, I had his original 18 19 Francis. Thank you. 19 report. 20 Q. Right. And if called to testify under oath 20 at trial in this case, would your testimony as to 21 **EXAMINATION** 21 your opinions and the bases for those opinions in 22 22 23 your rebuttal report, would that testimony at trial 23 BY MR. O'NEIL: 24 Q. Dr. Lasater, if you don't mind, I have a 24 be consistent with the opinions and bases for your Page 170 Page 172 few follow-up questions. opinions in your April 15, 2022 report? 1 1 2 2 A. Yes, sir. A. Yes, up -- up to the point of -- up to the 3 Q. As you know, Mr. Francis spent some time 3 point of the receipt, at that point, of the original going over portions of your initial report that was 4 report by Mr. Jaffe. 4 Q. And then after you finalized your rebuttal 5 submitted in March of this year; correct? 5 report, you had an opportunity to review Mr. Jaffe's 6 A. Yes, sir. 6 7 Q. But to be fair, he didn't show you or ask 7 rebuttal report; correct? 8 you questions about all of the content of that 8 A. Correct. 9 9 Q. And is it fair to say that you took issue lengthy report; correct? 10 10 with at least a couple of the points that Mr. Jaffe A. No, he didn't. made with regard to your earlier opinions? 11 Q. When you prepared that report, did you make 11 12 A. I take issue with -- with, in particular, 12 every effort to ensure that it accurately captured and reported on your opinions and the bases for those 13 his -- his criticisms of the statistical methodology 13 that is used, and I -- and I write reply opinions 14 14 opinions? directly to the two most glaring ones from his 15 A. Yes, sir. 15 16 rebuttal report. 16 Q. And if you were called to testify under Q. And when you prepared your supplemental 17 oath at trial in this case, would your testimony be 17 18 rebuttal report, did you make every effort to consistent with the opinions and the bases for your 18 19 accurately describe the opinions and the bases for 19 opinions and your methodology results that are your opinions in that May 3rd supplemental report? 20 2.0 contained in your March 2022 disclosure? 21 A. Yes, sir, I did. 21 A. Yes, sir. 22 Q. And if called to testify at trial in this 22 MR. FRANCIS: Objection, 23 case under oath, would your trial testimony be 23 compound and leading. 24 consistent with the opinions and bases for your BY MR. O'NEIL: 24

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Page 173 Page 175 opinions in your supplemental rebuttal report? 1 1 calculations for the variance of -- the variance 2 A. Yes. sir. 2 calculation that leads to the -- the confidence 3 MR. O'NEIL: Can I ask Ms. 3 interval around any estimate from a stratified 4 4 sample, but also reflects the ability to do ex-post Bennett to put on the screen the 5 5 calculation or even an ex-ante calculation of an supplemental rebuttal report, which I 6 6 believe is Exhibit 5. Thank you, Ms. optimal allocation of a small sample number to strata 7 7 Bennett. in order to accomplish the sampling objective. 8 8 Can I have control of the Mr. Jaffe seems to misread, 9 document, Ms. Bennett? Thank you. 9 misunderstand or intentionally avoid the -- the --10 10 BY MR. O'NEIL: the issue of a stratified sample in this case and the 11 11 Q. How many opinions are in the supplemental ability to use a small, and by small I mean a 12 rebuttal report, Dr. Lasater? 12 relatively small, 400 or 800 versus -- versus several 13 13 A. Two are written. hundred thousand observations. 14 Q. Are there other opinions? 14 What's more, is that work has been A. Embedded in -- embedded especially in 15 15 done in statistics, beginning with a paper that was 16 opinion one are -- are several opinions with respect 16 published in 1987 in Biometrika, that is just part of 17 to Mr. Jaffe's misuse of the sampling methodology as 17 the -- that is just a part of the lore, but is 18 he criticizes the methodology that I used. 18 reflected in -- in -- in a section, in a table, in --19 Q. What was the criticism that Mr. Jaffe had 19 in a textbook that I have already cited in this case 20 20 that you're trying to respond to in supplemental by -- I think it's in the first -- I think it's in 21 reply opinion one? 21 the very first report, which talks about 2.2 22 A. Fundamentally, Mr. Jaffe misunderstands or multi-category sampling. 23 misreads or intentionally avoids the -- the fact that 23 And the multi-category sampling where 2.4 the sampling that was at the basis of the -- my 2.4 one has -- it's Steven Thompson's text, where --Page 174 Page 176 1 original report and the work that I have done was a 1 where -- where if you wanted to evaluate multiple 2 2 stratified sample. categories and, interestingly, including up to 15 3 Stratified sampling is a generally 3 categories, the samples -- the necessary sample size 4 accepted tool, it is a -- it is a -- it is a 4 would be 510, and he says, and that 510, once the 5 5 methodology that I use, if not weekly, every other sampling is done, might end up being too large to 6 6 week in forums -- in forums that include the accomplish the sampling objective. 7 7 Department of Justice and -- and especially the And so Mr. Jaffe is plainly wrong and 8 Office of the Inspector General in health care cases 8 is -- is misrepresenting the -- the statistical 9 9 where populations of -- of challenges with respect to literature and what is generally accepted with 10 10 Medicare charges are stratified by year. respect to attribute sampling across the strata. And the purpose of the -- the purpose Q. On the screen is paragraph 6 of your 11 11 12 of the stratification is to make sure that the 12 supplemental rebuttal report. 13 sampling provides complete coverage with respect to 13 Could you read aloud the first 14 the amount of time that is the basis for the --14 sentence from paragraph 6, that begins with "random 15 the -- either the challenge by DOJ, OIG or by the 15 selection." 16 16 self-reporting of a client to -- to the Department of A. Random selection for a desired sample size 17 Justice and OIG relative to Medicare and Medicaid 17 of 400 from across periodic strata to accomplish a 18 billing. 18 random sample from a population is a generally 19 19 accepted statistical practice, period. The use of time periods with respect 2.0 to stratification is so generally accepted that 20 Q. And the fact that Mr. Jaffe did not 21 even -- even from textbooks from 1953 reflect the 21 understand or, perhaps, acknowledge that stratified 22 fact that a single sample can be allocated among --22 sampling is a generally accepted statistical 23 23 practice, does that impact your opinion of Mr. among many strata and, in fact, within the Cochran

Jaffe's experience with and understanding of

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book that Mr. Jaffe references, there is not only

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1	statistical sampling?	1	basis at all in the data in this case.
2	A. I can't speak to his his experience, but	2	Q. Is it fair to say that you couldn't have
3	he seems to not recognize it here, and I'll leave it	3	responded to Mr. Jaffe's criticism of your use of
4	to others to make that evaluation.	4	generally accepted acceptable statistical
5	Q. In particular, to demonstrate, Doctor or	5	practices before you actually got his report; is that
6	to support Mr. Jaffe's attack on your use of a	6	fair to say?
7	generally accepted statistical practice, he	7	A. Well, it's fair to say that I didn't think
8	hypothesized that letters in category three may have	8	it was I didn't think it was necessary to to
9	been concentrated in certain periods vastly different	9	provide that analysis, because it is so it is so
10	from other periods; correct?	10	generally accepted, and he had the data himself to
11	A. Correct.	11	to challenge the use of the the binomial, to
12	Q. But nothing in his report indicates that he	12	use challenge the use of any of the categories
13	ever tested that hypothesis; correct?	13	across any of these any of these periodic strata,
14	A. Correct.	14	and he hadn't done it up to his rebuttal report.
15	Q. Did you read his deposition in this case,	15	Q. I direct your attention to paragraph 9 of
16	Mr Dr. Lasater?	16	Exhibit 5, your supplemental rebuttal report, and
17	A. I wasn't aware that he had been deposed.	17	that references your second supplemental reply
18	Q. Okay. Did you test Mr	18	opinion; correct?
19	A. Oh, I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm sorry, yes, I	19	A. Yes, sir.
20	did read his deposition. I'm sorry.	20	Q. And you you're directing that opinion at
21	Q. Okay.	21	Mr. Jaffe's well, you call it an unexplained and
22	A. I did read the the read the rough	22	untested statement that the 60-mile filter that you
23 24	transcript, yes, sir. Q. And nothing in that transcript indicated	23 24	used to identify letters potentially written by others, then the consumer is unreliable, because,
	Q. And nothing in that transcript indicated	24	others, then the consumer is unreliable, because,
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1	that Mr. Jaffe did anything to test his hypothesis as	1	according to Mr. Jaffe, quote: A considerable
2	to the rates of category three showing up in each	2	percentage of the U.S. population would be more than
3	temporal sample; correct?	3	60 miles from a U.S. Postal Service postal and
4	A. I think he answered a question from Mr.	4	distribution center, close quote; correct?
5	Hartmann that he had not.	5	A. That is correct.
6	Q. Did you do anything once you received	6	Q. And what, if anything, did you and/or your
7	his report and you read his criticism of your use of	7	staff do to test Mr. Jaffe's opinion about U.S.
8	a generally acceptable statistical practice, did you	8	population?
9	do anything to test Mr. Jaffe's hypothesis?	9	A. Well, first of all, Mr. Jaffe uses a a
10	A. Well, what I did was what I did was	10	map that would that would have us looking in the
11	basically spread the categories for each and every	11	desert of Arizona for the nearest the nearest
12	category for purposes of including in a supplemental	12	postal distribution center to send to send a
13	report an analysis that we had we had looked at	13	letter.
14	early on with respect to the issue of uniform	14	He uses the entire map without
15 16	distribution across the or uniform rate across	15 16	recognition that the vast majority, and I don't mean 60 percent, but a vast majority of these letters come
16 17	the the periodic categories. And and so what I wanted to do was	17	from from urban areas, and so all of that extra
18	formalize that review of the representativeness of	18	space that Mr Mr. Jaffe intends to use to
19	the the strata across the population with the	19	apparently make his statements is simply not
20	with the with the analysis that you see in Annex	20	relevant.
21	3.2 of the supplemental report.	21	And so what what I then did was
22	Q. And what were the results of that analysis?	22	direct direct Ms. Harrington to look at the 137
23	A. That Mr. Jaffe's assertion, his	23	letters in in the first sample as an exemplar of

an evaluation of Mr. Jaffe's assertion, and in -- in

hypothetical, his -- his strawman, had no empirical

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1	two steps evaluated whether or not whether or not	1	whether any of the template letters that were
2	a a postal a U.S. Postal distribution center	2	identified in your report originated from credit
3	was near the addressee.	3	repair organizations.
4	And and what we find is that,	4	Do you recall that question?
5	indeed, 16 of the 137 do not have a postal and	5	A. Ido.
6	distribution center within 60 miles, 16 of the 137,	6	Q. And do you recall that you said that
7	all of the rest all of the rest do.	7	that you didn't do that analysis?
8	Q. So unlike Mr. Jaffe, you actually looked at	8	A. That's correct.
9	the data and compared the data to his conclusions	9	MR. FRANCIS: Objection,
10	about where the U.S. population is located; correct?	10	leading.
11	A. I did that with respect to the the	11	You can answer.
12	representative sample of four my first sample of	12	MR. O'NEIL: Just refreshing
13	400.	13	his recollection, Mr. Francis.
14	Q. Okay. And what were the results of that	14	THE WITNESS: I remember
15	analysis?	15	that I remember that question and
16	A. Once again, among the among among the	16	answer.
17	remaining 33 letters that were sent not crossing	17	BY MR. O'NEIL:
18	state lines, only 16 had the nearest processing and	18	Q. Are you aware that TransUnion has retained
19	distribution center farther than 60 miles from the	19	another expert in this case named John Ulzheimer?
20	consumer's mailing address.	20	A. In conversation with you since my report,
21	Q. And as part of your first report, you and	21	since my initial report, I understand that a Mr.
22	your team considered what percentage of the two	22	Ulzheimer has been engaged.
23	samples of 400 letters were mailed 60 or more miles	23	Q. Did you happen to review his rebuttal
24	from the consumer's address; correct?	24	report in this case?
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        offer those types of opinions; isn't that correct?
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                                                                       not one, but two lawyers reviewing each letter;
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           A. Well, so --
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                  MR. FRANCIS: Objection,
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           leading, misstates prior testimony.
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                  THE WITNESS: So I have not --
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           I have not testified with the results of
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           that. What I -- what I would -- what I
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           would point to is the experience that I
                                                                       BY MR. O'NEIL:
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           have with the development of FTI's
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           capabilities in the document processing
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           and technology marketplace, beginning in
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           2007 with the senior managing director
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                                                                       BY MR. O'NEIL:
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           who led that initiative, named Joe Looby,
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                                                                          Q. You -- actually, that was going to be my
           and through Mr. -- through Mr. Looby, I
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           assisted him in developing position
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                                                                       two reviewers instead of one?
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           papers and doing analysis for the Sedona
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                                                                          A. Because it's a generally accepted practice.
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           Conference.
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                  I -- I made statements at a
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           Bank One conference on probabilistic
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                                                                       to bibliographic --
           coding in or about 2008 or 2009, if
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           memory serves, with respect to the
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                                                                                THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry,
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           quality -- the quality assurance elements
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                                                                          did you say something, Mr. Francis?
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           of -- of testing probabilistic coding,
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                                                                                MR. FRANCIS: Yes, I objected
           and -- and so I am deeply familiar with
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                                                                          as leading.
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                                                                               THE WITNESS: With respect --
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          it.
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                Since that time, I have advised
                                                                         with respect to bibliographic coding.
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          dozens of engagements from our technology
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                                                                      BY MR. O'NEIL:
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          group with respect to quality assurance
                                                                         Q. Okay. And then you used not one but two
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          testing and the statistics associated
                                                                      samples of letters to come up with your opinions in
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          with probabilistic coding, as we are
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          using it here.
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                And so I have a vast experience
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          without ever having to -- ever having to
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          testify. It's usually -- it's usually
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                                                                      BY MR. O'NEIL:
          developing the responsiveness of the
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                                                                         Q. Why did you decide to use two samples
          document production in cases, especially
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          antitrust cases and -- and other major
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                                                                         A. Two reasons. Given the size of the
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          cases where there is a lot of both
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                                                                      population of letters, to a lay jury or to a judge
          electronic and -- and OCR documentation,
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                                                                      who is not experienced in -- in statistical sampling
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          and so the development of the -- the
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          development of the sampling, especially
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                                                                      sampling, a sample size of 400 can have optics that
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          with -- especially with respect to the
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          quality assurance is -- is -- is
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          fundamental to my experience.
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                                                                      all of the empirics support that assertion.
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       BY MR. O'NEIL:
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          Q. You testified earlier today that when the
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                                                                      this, which is, again, a very standard, generally
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       contract lawyers were reviewing each of the letters,
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                                                                      accepted design with respect to waves of sampling, to
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       of the 835 letters in the two samples, that you had
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                                                                      be sure that there is nothing -- there is nothing
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                                                                           sample effectively proves the first sample; there is
       biased in the first set of results and, in
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       particular, what is known in survey sampling as
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       non-response bias, would be able to be evaluated by a
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                                                                                     MR. FRANCIS: Objection,
       second sample, and that second sample is -- is just
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       the next 400 in the sequence of the random 800,
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                                                                           BY MR. O'NEIL:
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       which, again, ensures that there is no repetition or
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                                                                              Q. So, Mr. Jaffe agreed with you on that
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       no bias with respect to the selection of the letters
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       that would be in the second sample, and so there were
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                                                                              A. He agreed --
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       two -- two reasons. One was optics, the other was
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                                                                                     MR. FRANCIS: Objection,
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       testing for bias.
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                                                                              leading.
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                 And -- and -- and I'd like to be able
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                                                                                     THE WITNESS: Mr. Jaffe agreed
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       to speak to -- speak to the question of bias and the
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                                                                              that there is no difference in the
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                                                                              results between the second sample and the
       challenge to bias and the misuse of that term in Mr.
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       Jaffe's report, but that's not a question on the
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                                                                              first sample with respect to the
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                                                                              categories that were identified by the
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          Q. Well, Mr. Jaffe characterized your opinions
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                                                                              reviewers of the samples of letters.
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       as -- as having a bias; correct?
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                                                                                     MR. O'NEIL: I have nothing
          A. He did.
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                                                                              further. Thank you very much, Dr.
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          Q. And what was -- what bias or biases was he
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                                                                              Lasater.
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       referring to?
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          A. What he was -- what he was somehow or
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                                                                                     FURTHER EXAMINATION
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       another proposing was that the -- that, number one,
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                                                                           BY MR. FRANCIS:
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       that there was not a -- there was not some sort of a
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       uniform rate or discoverable uniform rate across the
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                                                                              Q. Just a couple quick follow-ups.
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       periodic strata. We addressed that. We addressed
                                                                                    Dr. Lasater, Mr. O'Neil asked you a
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                                                                          few minutes ago about why you chose to not just use a
       that. But even the example that he used with respect
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       to bias is -- is in error.
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                                                                          400-person sample, but, instead, use the second 400
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                 There are three types of biases in
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       statistical sampling. One is estimation bias, the
                                                                                    Do you recall those questions?
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       other is selection bias and the other is measurement
                                                                             A. Yes, sir.
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                                                                             Q. And you said one of the reasons was the
       bias, and if there was any question with respect to
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       selection or measurement, it would have to do with
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                                                                          optics of it; correct?
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                                                                             A. Yes, sir.
       the sampling methodology.
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                                                                             Q. And you said one of the reasons was a jury
                 There is another bias that is -- that
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       is embedded in -- in all of the methodologies that is
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                                                                          or a layperson might find that not to be reliable
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       the testing for that bias, embedded in the
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                                                                          from an optical standpoint.
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       methodologies using two waves of statistics --
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                                                                                    Do you recall that?
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       statistical samples, and that is estimation bias.
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                                                                             A. Yes, sir.
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                 The definition of estimation bias is,
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                                                                             Q. Which judge or jury have you ever
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                                                                          experienced who found that a 400-person sample was
       does the statistic that is derived from the
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       population -- from the estimate using the methodology
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                                                                          insufficient?
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       that is proposed, does it vary from that which would
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                                                                             A. I deal with -- I deal with lay users of the
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       be discoverable if we knew the -- if we knew or had
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                                                                          statistical work that I do every -- every couple of
                                                                          weeks, Mr. Francis, including -- including having to
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       access on the entire population of -- of -- in this
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       case, of letters.
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                                                                          educate lawyers who didn't have -- who didn't take
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                 And so we get some insight to whether
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                                                                          the course on statistics for lawyers at law school
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       or not it's biased by doing a second sample, and what
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       we find, and Mr. Jaffe affirmed, is that the second
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                                                                             Q. Okay.
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          A. -- about -- about the size of the sample in
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                                                                         expert witness.
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       relation to what we are trying to accomplish, and
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                                                                                   Do you consider yourself an expert in
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       that --
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                                                                         marketing?
          Q. And that was --
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                                                                            A. I consider myself an expert in the
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          A. -- and that -- and, frankly, that is why --
                                                                         development of the statistics around survey sampling.
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       that is why, for example, I put the table in my
                                                                             Q. Okay. But -- but in terms of -- you don't
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       original report that shows sample sizes with respect
                                                                         consider yourself an expert in marketing.
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       to various sampling criteria, showing that -- that
                                                                            A. Marketing --
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       when we use a binomial sample, we can have sample
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                                                                                   MR. O'NEIL: Objection, vague
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       sizes, depending on our criteria, as small as nine or
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                                                                             as to the term "marketing."
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       as big as 1,000, depending on the criteria that we
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                                                                                   THE WITNESS: Marketing is --
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       are using.
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                                                                            marketing is a -- is a discipline that
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                And so -- and so if -- if a -- if a
                                                                             uses statistics, and I am bringing the
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       judge or a jury or -- or legal counsel were to be
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                                                                             discipline to the evaluation of waves of
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       concerned about the size of the sample, what I am
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                                                                             random samples, which is a generally
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       able to show is -- and using the formula that -- that
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                                                                             acceptable practice in marketing and in
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       Mr. Jaffe uses and that I use as well to develop the
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                                                                            many other -- in many other business
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       sample size of 400, that 400 is adequate for purposes
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                                                                             disciplines.
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       of deriving inferences about the population.
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                                                                         BY MR. FRANCIS:
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                                                                             Q. Sir, you don't have any degrees in
          Q. Doesn't the sample size depend upon the
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       total population?
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                                                                         marketing, do you?
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          A. It does not.
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                                                                             A. No, sir. This was not focused on
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          Q. Okay. And so it's your testimony the judge
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                                                                         marketing. I'm using it as an example of how the --
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       and the jury in this case, they would find 400
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                                                                         how multiple waves of sampling can be used to test
                                                Page 194
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       insufficient, but an extra 400 they would find to be
                                                                          the reliability of earlier random samples.
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       acceptable; is that your testimony?
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          A. No, sir. What I'm saying is that the --
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                                                                              further questions. Thank you.
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       the second 400, number one, enlarges the sample size
                                                                                     MR. O'NEIL: Thank you, Dr.
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       by twice; secondly, subsumes any multi-category --
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                                                                              Lasater.
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       any multi-category challenges with respect to the
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                                                                                    We will reserve signature.
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                                                                                    THE COURT REPORTER: And would
       categories, as I mentioned in my testimony a few
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       minutes ago; and then -- and then, third, the second
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                                                                              you like a copy, Mr. O'Neil?
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                                                                                    MR. O'NEIL: Sure, if Mr.
       sample is intended to evaluate whether or not there
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                                                                              Francis will pay for the first copy,
       is any non-response bias from the -- from the first
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                                                                              I'll -- I'll take a copy as well.
       sample.
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                It is a -- it is a generally accepted
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                                                                                    MR. FRANCIS: I guess I'll pay
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       tool in -- in marketing, it's a generally accepted
                                                                              for the copy.
       tool in testing whether or not a sample is
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                                                                                    THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This
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       representative.
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                                                                              concludes the video deposition of David
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                                                                              Lasater, Ph.D., the time is 4:26 p.m. and
                I most recently used it in an
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       arbitration involving the Canadian Navy in testimony
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                                                                              we are going off the record.
       I gave in December of 2021 and looking at multiple
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       waves of -- of samples as to whether or not the --
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                                                                                    (Lasater-1 through Lasater-5
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       whether or not the samples were representative of the
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       population.
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          Q. Okay. And I asked you a bunch of questions
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       before about your expertise, education and the
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       subject matter for which you have knowledge as an
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